FORTY-NINTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PENNSYLVANIA BIBLE SOCIETY,

PRESENTED MAY 13, 1857.

WITH AN APPENDIX, CONTAINING

THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT, THE REPORTS OF AUXILIARIES, LIST OF AUXILIARY SOCIETIES, LIFE MEMBERS, ETC.

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Specimens of the Types of the Society's Bibles and Testaments.

GREAT PRIMER.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoso-

[Testament and Psalms in this type.]

ENGLISH.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoev-

PICA.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should, &c. JOHN iii. 16.

SMALL PICA.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

LONG PRIMER.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

BOURGEOIS.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

BREVIER.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world

MINION.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him

NONPAREIL.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him

AGATE.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

PEARL AGATE.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he

BRILLIANT DIAMOND. BRILLIANT.

A.D. 30.

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°For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

pFor God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

He that believeth on

A.D. 30.

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dThe fast was on the tenth day of the

Specimens of the Types of the Society's Bibles and Testaments.

GERMAN.

LONG PRIMER.

Alſo hat GOtt die Welt geliebet, daß er ſeinen eingebornen Sohn gab, auf daß alle, die an ihn glauben, nicht verloren werden ſondern das ewige Leben

BOURGEOIS.

Alſo hat GOtt die Welt geliebet, daß er ſeinen eingebornen Sohn gab, auf daß alle, die an ihn glauben, nicht verloren werden, ſondern das ewige Leben haben.

NONPAREIL.

Alſo hat GOtt die Welt geliebet, daß er ſeinen eingebornen Sohn gab, auf daß alle, die an ihn glauben, nicht verloren werden, ſondern das ewige Leben haben.

Denn GOtt hat ſeinen Sohn nicht geſandt in die Welt, daß er die Welt richte, ſondern daß die Welt durch ihn ſelig

SPANISH.

BOURGEOIS.

Porque de tal manera amó Dios al mundo, que dió su Hijo unigénito; paraque todo aquel que cree en él, na perezca, antes tenga vida eterna.

Porque no envió Dios á su Hijo al mundo paraque condene al mundo, sino paraque

FRENCH.

BOURGEOIS.

Car Dieu a tellement aimé le monde, qu'il a donné son Fils unique, afin que quiconque croit en lui ne périsse point, mais qu'il ait la vie éternelle.

Car Dieu n'a point envoyé son Fils dans le monde, pour condamner le monde, mais

PORTUGUESE.

BOURGEOIS.

Porque de tal maneira amou Deos ao mundo, que deo a seu Filho unigenito; para que todo aquelle que nelle crê, não pereça, mas tenha a vida eterna.

Porque não mandou Deos a seu Filho ao mundo, para que condemnasse ao mun-

SWEDISH.

BOURGEOIS.

Ty så älſkade Gud werlden, att han utgaf ſin enda Son, på det, att hwar och en, ſom tror på honom, ſkall icke förgås, utan få ewinnerligt lif.

Ty icke haſwer Gud ſändt ſin Son i werlden, att han ſkall döma werlden; utan på det,

INDIAN.

LONG PRIMER.

Chihowa yvt yakni a̲ i̲ hullo fehna kvt, kvna hosh yvmma i̲ yimmikmvt ik illo hosh, amba ai okchayvt bilia yo̲ pisa hi o̲, Ushi achvfa illa holitopa ya̲ auet ima tok.

AFRICAN.

LONG PRIMER.

Kâre kre Nyesoa nuna konâ ăh nowânena, â hnyina â sĕyĕ ăh kokâ-yu donh, be nyâ be â po nâ hanhte, â neh te wanh, nĕma â mu konâ-se-honhnonh kâ.

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FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

OF THE

PENNSYLVANIA BIBLE SOCIETY.

PRESENTED MAY 13, 1857.

In presenting their Forty-ninth Annual Report, the Board of Managers of the Pennsylvania Bible Society desire to record their sense of gratitude due to Almighty God for the prosperity of the past year. No one member of the Board has been lost by death. You still greet as our presiding officer the venerable Dr. Mayer, the only surviving founder of our Society, who is actively engaged in promoting its interests. The greatest prosperity has marked our operations. Many new auxiliaries have been formed, our elder ones exhibiting equal if not greater zeal than has characterized them in former years. For this we are especially indebted, under God, to the faithful and efficient labors of our Eastern and Western Secretaries. These gentlemen, the Rev. Dr. Aikin and the Rev. Mr. Torrence, we are happy to state, are still in the employment of the Society; and from the zeal and ability which they display in their respective fields of labor, deserve the commendation of your Board and the warmest thanks of our constituents. The number of volumes distributed by our Society during the past year has been—

Number of Bibles sold and distributed, ...	27,283
" " Psalms, ...	558
" " New Testaments, ...	62,815
Total vols., ...	90,656
Total number issued last year, ...	74,199
Increase, ...	16,457

Value of books issued this year, $24,465 18, the great majority of them being sold; your Board still being under the conviction that it is better to sell a Bible for even an exceedingly small sum, than to make it a mere gratuity. But great as has been the number of volumes distributed, the field opened to us in our own State necessarily remains to some extent unsupplied, arising from the fact that new family circles are continually being formed by marriages, neighborhoods peopled by immigration, and new districts opened by the hands of enterprising miners, landowners, or manufacturers. The printed volume is itself perishable. All these facts will ever render it necessary that the stream of our supply should be continuous, and the fountains of our benevolence perennial. The Treasurer's Report will show the amount of receipts greater than those of the past year. Several of our auxiliaries have exhibited their wonted generosity, among which we would especially notice the donations of the Female Bible Society of Philadelphia, the Young Men's Bible Society of Pittsburg, the Philadelphia Bible Society, the Dauphin County Bible Society, the York County Bible Society, and the Danville Female Bible Society.

As heretofore, we have been enabled to transmit to the American Bible Society of New York the sum of $5,000 for foreign distribution. Another year's service in this great and noble cause has only elevated it in our affections and confidence. Time only makes it more dear to our hearts, and more approved by our judgment. The Word of God, we conceive, is the common property of redeemed man. In its distribution, therefore, we are merely securing to fallen mortals an invaluable right. Based as our Republic necessarily is for its continuance and prosperity upon the morality of its citizens, who can call in

question the immense importance of that duty which we have assumed of putting into the hands of any citizen the Word of God? The only volume that teaches sound principles of morality, except such as have drawn their doctrines from its pages; inculcating that golden law of religion and humanity that enjoins supreme love to God and charity to all mankind; teaching us to render to Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, and unto God the things that are God's. Our enterprise on this ground, then, we conceive, commends itself to the approval and support of every patriotic heart. The benevolent character of our work becomes the more apparent as the country becomes older; for as our population increases, so necessarily must the number of our criminals and the importunate. To supply our prisons, our almshouses, our hospitals, and various charitable institutions with the Word of God, is an enterprise that we feel must enlist the affections of every benevolent heart, and is in its accomplishment but that act of faith that realizes the final judgment of the Lord's own gracious declaration, "I was sick and in prison, and ye came unto me. Yea, verily, I say unto you, inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these ye did unto me."

It is in reference to the bearing of the word of inspiration upon man's highest, even his spiritual interest, that we especially value our work. As Bible distributers, we are rendering aid to a living ministry; as such, we are strengthening the great cause of human conversion and rescue; whilst there are, doubtless, multitudes of private Christians who would be without the possession of the Word of God for private and family instruction, if it were not for our Society. As an instance of the spiritual importance of the work, we refer you to the Report of the Selinsgrove Female Bible Society, who, by their agents, Rev. S. S. Kennedy and Mr. John Kamp, have explored Snyder County. Out of 224 families, 46 were destitute of the Word of God. In many households, the family altar was unknown until erected by these Agents. At times, the deepest, and apparently the most genuine religious interest, was exhibited by those who had been the neglecters of their God and their souls. Similar facts characterized the work of Agents

distributing throughout our State. When, then, we endeavor to conceive the benefits conferred upona fellow-man, the vice restrained, the virtue cultivated, the piety fed, the sorrow consoled, and the dying strengthened by the reading and study of our Bibles, we thank God and take courage.

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EXTRACTS

FROM REPORTS OF AUXILIARIES.

ADAMS COUNTY.

BIBLE SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA COLLEGE AND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY,

Held its annual meeting, in College Chapel. The Society is composed of the professors and the mass of the students of both institutions.

The officers and managers for the ensuing year are as follows:—President, Prof. M. L. Stoever; Vice-Presidents, F. J. F. Schantz, T. W. L. Dosh, and G. A. Long; Recording Secretary, E. Huber; Corresponding Secretary, H. W. Kuhns; Treasurer, J. R. Dimm.

Managers—G. E. Probst, J. Kamp, J. A. Earnest, H. R. Fleck, G. F. Shaffer, L. A. Gotwald, C. D. Ulery, J. W. Earley, E. J. Koons, E. S. Johnston, J. B. Rath, F. B. Wolf.

Nothing very special has claimed our attention during the past year, the County having been recently explored.

Several individuals, and the County Jail and Almshouse, have been supplied with the Word of Life. Although the professed design of this Association is to disseminate the Sacred Sciptures, it also accomplishes other objects. Whilst it countenances practical benevolence, fosters Christian unity and fellowship, increases a love of the Sacred Volume, aids in advancing the triumph of Truth, it also engenders in the minds of its members a care for the Bible cause, which will follow them into the arena of active life.

We feel encouraged to continue our efforts in our humble sphere, and leave results in the hands of God.

H. W. Kuhns,
Corresponding Secretary.

GETTYSBURG FEMALE BIBLE SOCIETY.

Our Anniversary Exercises were held at the usual time in November, in the Methodist Church, when a discourse was delivered by the Rev. C. F. Schaeffer, D.D. The Annual Meeting took place on the Tuesday evening

following. Mrs. Agnew was chosen President, Mrs. S. Fahnestock, Treasurer, and Mrs. J. A. Jacobs, Secretary. A new Executive Committee was also appointed.

Three individuals have been constituted Life Members of the Parent Society during the year, namely, Rev. R. Hill, Rev. G. Vanwyke, and Mrs. C. Baugher.

Our Society continues to be in a prosperous condition. The Visiting Committee are generally well received. With few exceptions, all who are solicited to contribute give something.

Mrs. S. Fahnestock, Treasurer, reports the following as the condition of the treasury:

Amount received since last settlement, . . .	$17 50
Bibles sold, ...	5 52
Amount collected, ...	66 98½
	$90 00½

The Treasurer had been previously directed to send the money in her hands to the Parent Society, to be disposed of as would best promote the interests of the Society.

We cordially approve of the resolution passed at the last anniversary of the American Bible Society, and earnestly hope that ere long the Word of God may be found in every family in our land; that it will not only be furnished to Protestants, but that many Roman Catholics may be induced to receive it, and read it with profit.

JULIA ANN JACOBS,
Secretary.

ALLEGHANY BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Society celebrated its Seventeenth Anniversary in the Associate Church, on Tuesday evening, February 17, 1857.

The President, Rev. M. W. Jacobus, D.D., took the Chair, and Rev. Dr. Rodgers, of the Associate Church, read a portion of the 119th Psalm, after which Dr. Jacobus offered prayer.

L. H. Eaton, Recording Secretary, read the Annual Report, and Wm. M. Bell, Treasurer, read the Financial Report.

Interesting and practical addresses were delivered by the Rev. L. D. Barrows, President of the Pittsburg Female College, and Rev. John M'Millan, D.D., of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

A new Board of Managers was elected, and the large assembly was dismissed with the benediction by Rev. Mr. Sproull, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

Report of the Board of Managers.

"Another year of the labors of this Society, with its responsibilities and influences, has terminated, and we are now assembled for the purpose of re-

viewing the work that has been accomplished, and, by the blessing of God, to give a fresh impnlse to the work in future.

"At the last Annual Meeting, a Board of forty-eight Managers was appointed, representing sixteen churches, and ten different denominations. The Board has met every month to transact bnsiness, and deliberate on the best means to advance the Bible canse. These meetings have been of the most pleasant character, and have served to impress more fnlly npon the minds of the members the greatness and benevolence of the work in which this Society is engaged. They have also exhibited a beantiful example of men, entertaining different religious beliefs, working harmoniously together for the moral elevation of their fellow-men.

"The services of Mr. A. P. Thompson, the former Agent, were secured for the present year. Several weeks snbseqnent to the Annual Meeting were occupied in collecting the ontstanding subscriptions. The snmmer was spent principally in the conutry making explorations, supplying the destitute, and collecting funds. The Boroughs of Manchester, Sewickley, Tarentum, and Sharpsburg, were visited, and also the towuships of East and West Deer, Indiaua, Shaler, and parts of Ross and M'Candless.

"The resnlt of exploration is as follows:

Families visited,	2669
" destitute,	224
" supplied,	80
" refused,	144
Bibles and Testaments sold by Agent and Librarian,	559
" " donated,	427

"Since the first of November, our Agent has given his time exclusively to obtainiug subscriptious in this city. He has devoted himself faithfully to the work, and, considering the depressed state of bnsiness, has met with good success. The snbscriptious amount to $510 75 in the country, and $1313 50 in the city, making a total of $1824 25. Of this snm, $1245 00 have been paid.

"The friends of the Bible of all denominations have been called on for aid, and many have contributed liberally. But it is to be regretted that many professing, do not seem to realize the destitution which prevails, and the maguitude of the work, and, consequently, withhold the money that shonld be given to this object. The extent of Bible destitution, and the duty of contribnting for its snpply, should be forcibly nrged from the pulpit.

"Some of the contributors to this Society have objected to the expense incnrred in employing an Agent, snpposing the principal work to be the collection of fuuds. This, however, is bnt a minor part; the more important labor, and that reqniring the most time, is to ascertain who are destitute, and snpplying them either by sale or donation. This work will not be done

by the churches, and can be properly accomplished only by canvassing the entire ground.

"To enlist the young, the terms for Life-Membership in this Society for persons under twenty-one years of age, have been reduced to five dollars. It is hoped that many will avail themselves of this opportunity to become members. To such, a beautifully engraved certificate will be given.

"The permanence of our free institutions, and the happiness and prosperity of our beloved country, depend, in a great degree, upon the influence which the Bible exerts upon the masses of society. Many of the ignorant or vicious have no conception of its value, and will die ignorant of a Saviour's death and the plan of salvation, unless sought out and supplied through the agency of a society like this. Viewed in this light, how important the Bible cause, and how powerfully does it appeal to the hearty support of every friend of religion!

"The American Bible Society has conceived the noble design of exploring every State, and supplying the destitute with the Word of Life. That this blessed work may be accomplished, our Society is called on to aid in furnishing the means. Will not this fact induce many to contribute to the funds of this Society, and others to increase their contributions?

"The members of this Society have cause for devout gratitude to God for the blessing that has attended their labors the past year. The good accomplished cannot be measured in time, but eternity will reveal it in full. In a work like this, let us never become weary, but go forward with renewed zeal, never feeling that our work is done, until every family in this wide universe shall possess a copy of the Sacred Scriptures.

"L. H. Eaton,
"Secretary."

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE SOCIETY OF PITTSBURG.

"We have assembled this evening to celebrate the thirty-ninth Anniversary of the Young Men's Bible Society of Pittsburg. In the good providence of our God, we have been brought in safety through another year, and are here to-night to bear witness to his faithfulness, and to return our united thanks for the blessings we have enjoyed, as individuals, and as a Society. We meet to review the labors of the past year, and to receive strength and encouragement for the future.

"Since the organization of this Society, one generation has passed away, and most of those who were connected with this enterprise, at its beginning, are now numbered with the dead, whilst many upon whom their labors and prayers were bestowed, have also descended to the grave. It is, however, a ground of rejoicing, that there are those to take their place who prize the Christian revelation, and who are endeavoring to scatter far and wide the oracles of the living God.

"The object of our Society is familiar to all—'To distribute the Sacred

Scriptures, without note or comment, in Pittsburg, and in such counties of the western portion of the State as are unable to supply themselves with the Word of God, and to aid the Pennsylvania Bible Society with its surplus funds.' To carry out this object, Article III of our Constitution provides, 'that every person who shall contribute annually to the funds of the Society, shall be a Member; and any person who shall contribute, at one time, ten dollars (or five dollars, under twenty-one years of age), shall be a Member for life, and twenty dollars, a Director for life.'

"Formerly, the Managers from the churches co-operating with this Society waited upon the members, and received their annual contributions; but, for the last nine years, the work of collecting has been committed to the hands of the city agent. The business of the Society is conducted by a Board of Managers, consisting of two representatives from those churches co-operating with us. At our last Anniversary Meeting, representatives were elected from twenty-eight churches, of twelve different denominations.

"During the year, the Board has held twelve regular and four special meetings, at all of which there have been a sufficient number of members present for the transaction of business.

"We have had in our employ, dnring the year, three agents. Mr. J. P. Smith, the present agent for the city and suburbs, has been engaged as colporteur, in making explorations in the various wards of the city, supplying the destitute by sales and donations, and collecting funds from the friends of the Bible cause. From his monthly returns to the Board, we glean the following facts: Total amount of collections from the city, $1128 50. Aggregate number of families visited by Mr. Smith, during the year, 8812. Found destitute, 1714 (majority Roman Catholics, who refused receiving). Number of Bibles donated, 292. Number of Bibles sold, 165. Value of Bibles and Testaments sold, $58 73. Value of Bibles and Testaments donated $133 36. Outstanding subscriptions, $310 50.

"In the month of May last, Rev. Thomas Drennen was appointed agent for the County, and served the Society one month. Owing to ill health, and not meeting with the success anticipated, he resigned. His collections for that time amounted to $108 35. Rev. J. K. Miller, the present agent for that portion of the county lying east of the Alleghany River, has been in the employ of the Society since the first of July. The result of his labors to January 20, 1857, is as follows: Families visited, 1370. Value of books donated, $26 57. Value of books sold, $31 60. Amount of subscriptions, $1126 44. Cash collections, $789 39. Outstanding subscriptions, $372 80.

"The aggregate of the labors of the above agents shows a total of 10,182 families visited. Number of Bibles and Testaments sold and donated, 725. Cash received for books sold, $334 21, and in collections, $2602 23. Outstanding subscriptions, $685 80.

"At our Depository, No. 45 St. Clair Street (between Liberty and Penn), there have been sold (as per Report of Librarian) 824 vols.; value, $243 88.

There have been donated, by order of the Board and of individual members, from the Depository, 495 vols., as follows: To steamboats, 76; Mission Sabbath-school, in charge of Rev. A. Sinclair, 27 vols.; hotels, 103 vols.; County jail, 56 vols. By order of individual managers, 91 vols. By order of the Board, to different objects, 142 vols. Delivered to Society's agents, 725 vols. The total number of books distributed, by sale and donation, as appears from Librarian's Report, is 1984 vols.

"For a statement of the financial condition of the Society, we would refer you to the Report of the Treasurer, annexed. Of the surplus funds in the treasury, at the last Anniversary, $774 18 were sent, by order of the Board, to the Pennsylvania Bible Society, to be appropriated by them at their discretion. By virtue of the above donation, the following persons were constituted Life Directors of the American Bible Society: Revs. John Douglass, John Ekin, D.D., D. H. Riddle, D.D., A. Cookman, and Wm. M. Paxton.

"There have been added to the Society, during the year, by subscription, fifty-two Life Members, under twenty-one years of age, and one Life Member over twenty-one. The names of those persons constituted Life Members, in 1856, will appear in the printed Report.

"In view of the labors of the past year, the Board would congratulate the Members of the Society, and the friends of the Bible generally, upon the increased interest being manifested, by contributions and otherwise, in the prosperity of the Society. Let us take courage, and enter upon the duties of the year, relying upon God for his blessing to accompany our efforts. Let us circulate the Bible everywhere throughout our County and State, until at least every family shall possess a copy, and every individual be made acquainted with the leading and essential truths contained therein.

"Let us, as individual Members of the Board of Managers, and of this Society, more than ever prize the Christian revelation. Let us search and obey the Scriptures of eternal truth, and bring to bear upon every human mind and conscience within our reach, the oracles of the living God. In these times upon which our lines have fallen, when sin and iniquity abounds, and the love of many is waxing cold, it is our duty to be conversant with the Scriptures, and well established in the simple, sublime, and life-giving system revealed in them. The holy and blessed Bible, for the spread of which we have been laboring, is the foundation of our faith, the source of our brightest and most blissful hopes, and of our purest and strongest consolations; it is the bulwark of our liberties, the pride and boast of our country, the strength and glory of the Church of God.

"PITTSBURG, January 26, 1857."

Librarian's Report.

Volumes on hand last Report, ...	409
Received since last Report, ...	2311
	2720

Volumes sold at Depository,	824	
" delivered to Society's agents,	725	
" donated to steamboats,	76	
" " to Rev. Sinclair,	27	
" " by Board,	142	
" " to hotels,	103	
" " by individual members,	91	
" " by Jail Committee,	56	
" on hand,	676	
		2720

JAS. A. IRWIN,
Librarian.

PITTSBURG, January 26, 1857.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FEMALE BIBLE SOCIETY OF PITTSBURG AND VICINITY.

"The Annual Meeting was held in the Session-Room of the First Presbyterian Church, on Tuesday, Jan. 6th. Rev. Dr. M'Laren in the chair. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read and adopted, after which an election of Officers and Managers took place, of which the following is the list:

"*President.*—Mrs. Denny.

"*Vice-President.*—Mrs. M'Cracken.

"*Treasurer.*—Mrs. A. B. Phillips.

"*Secretary.*—Mrs. M. B. M'Laren.

"*Managers.*—Mrs. Alex. Laughlin, Mrs. J. Laughlin, Mrs. H. B. Rea, Mrs. W. Semple, Mrs. Dr. Brooks, Mrs. W. Thaw, Mrs. C. Rowan, Mrs. J. M'Elroy, Mrs. J. Grier, Mrs. M. Matthews, Mrs. Rev. J. Brown, Mrs. Barclay, Mrs. Childs, Mrs. R. Cust, Mrs. Snodgrass, Mrs. J. Irwin, Mrs. George Duncan, Mrs. A. Chambers, Mrs. Campbell, Miss A. Thaw, Miss Hare, Miss E. A. Laughlin, Miss Fahnestock, Miss S. M'Cormick, Miss Gunning, Miss Ralston, Miss Magee, Miss Wilmarth.

"Another year is past. Again the varied seasons have come and gone, and each has borne its report upward to Him who records not only the acts, but the very thoughts of his creatures.

"It is fitting, at this turning-point of time, to look backward to the past, and to gird on our armor for future work.

"The annual collections have been made, and paid over as indicated by the Treasurer's Report; but the amount constrains us to confess that perhaps some have grown weary in the Lord's work, and lacked faith to believe and trust Him.

"There is no plan of usefulness which does not require self-denial. The Book of God points out no flowery path of ease, in which the heavenward pilgrim may walk to the golden city. The way is rugged,—the struggle upward,—the rest that remaineth for the people of God is at the end of the

journey. There is much encouragement from God's word in the faithful performance of duty,—encouragement as well to the managers as to the contributing members of this Society. The inspired Apostle says, 'Lay by you in store as God hath prospered you.' Were that injunction more faithfully obeyed, it would not be the painful experience of the managers so often to hear the disheartening words, 'Call again.' God's word is true, and He tells us our prosperity will be more than equivalent to our benevolence, and the promise is beautifully exemplified in the widow's meal and cruse of oil. Another and far better reward of faithfulness, is the return of spiritual blessings to the souls of those who give and labor for the cause of Christ. The circulation of the Bible, which is the object of this Association, cannot be too highly estimated by the Christian, for 'without vision, the people perish.' The eye of the Prophet, enlightened by God's gift, saw down the ages into the distant future of the world;—the eye of the beloved Disciple, though dimmed by years, by the same gift looked up to the future of the world of glory, and beheld the sublime visions of the Apocalypse. The prophet foresaw that the Son of God would descend to this low earth, and become a man of sorrows, that He would die to save lost sinners, and finally return in triumph to his Father's bosom. The prophecy became history, and the evangelists recorded it with a beauty, simplicity, and pathos, which touches all hearts. Our duty and our desire prompt us to spread, as far as it is in our power, the means by which man may comprehend the glories which the prophets predicted, and the more glorious realizations which some of them were privileged to behold.

"The history of the creation of the world; of God's dealings with his ancient people; the proverbs of the wise man; the songs of the sweet singer of Israel; the foreshadowing of the prophets in the Old Testament; the story of the Cross in the New; the rejection of Christianity by the Jews; its reception by the Gentiles, and its rapid progress among the nations of the earth; the epistles to the Churches; and the revelation to the beloved disciple in the Isle of Patmos; form the sum of this wondrous book. It is our chart to the heavenly world. Without it, no sinner can learn the way to be saved; for it is the 'power of God unto salvation, to every one that believeth.'

"Let us continue to pray and labor while life and strength remain, content to do aught, and yet constant to do all we can in so good a work. A work that must go on, for Jesus shall reign King over all the earth; and the chariot of salvation shall roll on, till every prodigal holds in his hand this sacred volume, as a message calling on him to return from his wanderings, and as a title-deed to the mansions which the Father has prepared."

Treasurer's Report for 1856.

Dr.

To Cash collected in the various districts, . .	$428 36
To Cash collected at annual sermon, . .	31 64
	$460 00

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By Cash paid the Rev. J. J. Aiken, . . .	$348 14
" Cash paid for Mem. Book, . . .	50
" Balance on hand, ...	111 36
	$460 00

BRADFORD COUNTY.

"In reporting for the past year the operations of the Bradford County Bible Society, I am sorry to say, I am not able to give a detailed account of Bibles and Testaments sold and donated. As we have at length secured the services of a faithful distributer, we may expect hereafter to be more specific in our reports.

"Mr. S. W. Paine writes me that he has remitted from Troy $66 74, amount received by him, in part from sales and in part from our distributer, Mr. W. Welles.

"Our Treasurer in Towanda reports donations, $101 11; sales, $75; making in all, $242 85.

"Julius Foster,
"Secretary."

BUCKS COUNTY.

BUCKS COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY.

"The Annual Meeting of this Society was held on the 28th of August, in the Presbyterian Church at Hartsville. Clergymen and delegates from several different denominations were present, most of whom were Presbyterians and Episcopalians. In the absence of Rev. Mr. Page, of the Baptist Church, Bristol, appointed last year for this occasion, an appropriate and interesting discourse was delivered by Rev. S. M. Andrews, D.D., of Doylestown, after which the Society proceeded to its usual business.

"Among the most interesting items that engaged attention, was a proposal to enter upon the exploration of the County, with a design to supply every family destitute with a copy of the Sacred Scriptures. A similar visitation of every house was made seven or eight years since, and it was found that nearly one-eighth of all were not in possession of the Holy Volume. Out of about 9000 visited, over 1000 were destitute of the Word of Life. In townships which were supposed to be peculiarly well supplied, one in every ten or twelve had no Bible. This was a surprising and alarming state of destitution, yet perhaps by this time it may be as great as then. As copies of the Bible are worn out, and new families move within our bounds, the deficiency is constantly increasing, so that in the course of eight or ten years, many are in a state of deplorable ignorance in regard to the way of salvation.

"After some discussion, the Society resolved to provide funds for a new survey of the wants of the County, and to furnish all with the means of be-

coming acquainted with the will of their Maker. $166 were paid in that day, by the delegates of the churches, for that object."

BUTLER COUNTY.

"The Butler County Bible Society have but little to report at this time. Having resolved to re-explore the County and supply the destitute, two agents were employed last fall, who entered upon their work and made some progress, when one of them was called to another field. The other agent has suspended his agency for the present, hoping to resume his labors at a more suitable time. Comparatively few destitutions have been found, except among that class of persons whose religious teachers forbid them to receive our Bible.

"Complete reports not having been received from our County agents, an accurate report of our pecuniary position cannot now be made. We hope this fall to continue and complete the exploration, when a full report will be made.

"Loyal Young,
"President."

The officers of the Society are: Rev. Loyal Young, President; Rev. Isaiah Niblock and Rev. Wm. White, Vice-Presidents; William Campbell, Corresponding Secretary; James Campbell, Recording Secretary, and Wm. S. Boyd, Treasurer.

CAMBRIA COUNTY.

"A meeting of the Ebensburg Bible Society was held at the Presbyterian Church.

"On motion, John Williams, Esq., was elected President; Hon. Harrison Kinkead, Vice-President; David H. Roberts, Esq., Treasurer; E. Hughes, Secretary; and Isaac Evans, Daniel J. Jones, Rev. David Harbison, Rev. John Williams, Rev. Llewellyn Powel, Executive Committee.

"On motion, the Executive Committee are requested to call on the District Collectors, and urge immediate collections for the year; and if they decline, to substitute others in their place to attend to those duties. On motion, adjourned.

"On the 14th May, 1856, Executive Committee met in pursuance of the call of Treasurer, and appointed District Collectors for the year 1856.

"On the 25th day of December, 1856, at the Annual Meeting of the Ebensburg Bible Society, held at the Congregational Church, on motion, the Report of the Secretary was read, also the Report of the Treasurer was read, approved, and adopted.

"On motion, the officers of the last year be continued for the ensuing

year, substituting the name of Rev. Mr. Jones in place of Rev. John Williams, late Pastor of the Calvinistic Methodist Church.

"E. HUGHES,
"Secretary."

The Ebensburg Cambria County Bible Society in Account with D. H. Roberts, Treasurer.

1856.	DR.	
December 25.	To Balance at last settlement, .	$2 29
	To amount of Donations, . .	108 45
	To amount on sale of Books, .	24 36
		$135 10
	CR.	
August 1.	Draft sent to Pa. Bible Society, Phila., .	$100 00
	By Postage and Percentage on Draft .	58
1857.		
April 17.	By Draft sent to P. B. S., Phila., and Postage and Percentage, ...	34 52
		$135 10

The above is the state of my account with our Society.

D. H. ROBERTS,
Treasurer.

JOHNSTOWN AND VICINITY BIBLE SOCIETY.

This Society has ordered nearly one hundred dollars worth of books the past year, and remitted $110 on Bible account.

CHESTER COUNTY.

In this County we have no County Society. The work of exploration was carried forward under the direction of the Eastern Secretary, Rev. I. H. Torrence, who employed Mr. E. A. Brady to canvass the County. Mr. Brady spent 421 days in the work, and visited 9477 families. Of that number, 437 were without a Bible, 104 refused to be supplied, either by purchasing themselves or receiving one as a gift. Most of those refusing were Romanists. 929 Bibles and 756 Testaments, making a total of 1685 copies, were circulated in the County by this instrumentality,—of which 305 were given to the destitute. Mr. Brady was, in general, cordially received; and received in donation, from various sources, $260 25; $18 75 of which was paid by the Tredyffion Presbyterian Church. Other churches in the County contribute regularly and annually to the Bible cause. Oh, sad thought! that one of our old counties of Penn should have 104 families without the Lamp of Life in their homes. 'Send out thy light and thy truth!'

CLARION COUNTY.

We intended to have had this County resupplied the past year, but owing to various causes the work has not been done. We trust, however, the present year will not close before the destitute in the County will be sought out and supplied.

CLINTON COUNTY.

LOCKHAVEN FEMALE BIBLE SOCIETY.

"The General Meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church, in August. Rev. Irvin H. Torrence, Secretary of Parent Society, addressed the meeting. Rev. Mr. Hamilton, of Chester County, and Rev. Mr. Dalrymple, of Lock Haven, participated in the services. Collection and subscription amounting to seventy dollars was taken. Collectors from among the ladies were appointed, and the town visited. Subsequently, on call of a meeting by Mr. Torrence, a Committee was appointed to visit the several hotels, and consider the propriety of supplying each room with a Bible.

"JOSEPHINE M'CORMICK.
"Secretary."

COLUMBIA COUNTY.

THE BLOOMSBURG FEMALE BIBLE SOCIETY,

"Auxiliary to the Pennsylvania Bible Society, held its fourth Annual Meeting, June 20th, 1856. There are some changes in the Board of Managers; with these exceptions, the officers elected last year still continue to serve.

"President—Miss Harriet Rupert.

"Vice-President—Mrs. M. Chemberlin.

"Secretary—Mrs. Anna R. Drake.

"Treasurer—Miss Amelia D. Webb.

"Managers—Mrs. Jos. Barkley, Mrs. Thos. Thornton, Mrs. Lewis Maus, Mrs. S. Petrikin, Mrs. P. Wolf, Mrs. David M'Kinney, Mrs. Jackson Sloan, Mrs. Wm. Neal, Miss Jane Vance, Miss Alice Snyder, Miss Maria Barkley, Miss Harriet Sharpless, Miss Delilah Creveling, Miss Sarah Eyerly, Miss Sarah Sloan, Miss Sarah Rupert.

"We rendered no report last year to our 'Parent,' but, although not communicating with her, we were not idle. The number of Bibles and Testaments distributed by sales and gifts, principally the former, exceeded that of any former year, while many who were furnished with the 'Book of books,'

had it in their hearts to give of their means to supply the wants of others. This year we have renewed and increased cause of gratitude to Him who has prospered our work beyond the measure of success at any previous time and granted His fostering care. A gift of Testaments has been presented to a Sunday-school in the country, too poor to purchase; a few Bibles and Testaments have been bestowed gratuitously upon individuals, while the amount of sales and donations received, leaves a larger sum in the hands of the Treasurer than has ever been received before.

"The Managers visiting last year, as well as those who have gone through the various districts which subdivide our ground, during the present, report their reception as at least *polite*, with very few exceptions, while not a few are found ever ready to bid them 'God speed' in their work and labor of love. A few Romanists have refused to receive in any way the Word of Life which had been offered them, but there are not many of this class in our neighborhood.

"Among others, there are few families destitute, which will account for the comparatively very small number of volumes given away. A poor bed-ridden woman, whom two of our visitors found with a well-worn Testament lying on her pillow, accepted gratefully, and appeared to appreciate, the gift of a Bible. Like instances, however, are not numerous. It is scarcely necessary to say, that to any willing to receive a book, and too poor to purchase, one is given.

"Anna R. Drake,
"Secretary."

Treasurer's Report.

Received for books sold, and by donations, from Sept. 11, 1855, to April 1, 1857.

Received from Miss Creveling (former Treasurer),		$16 71
" from distributers, for books and contributions,		91 77
Sold by Treasurer,		98 28¾
		$206 76¾
Expended for book-case,	$6 00	
" " freight,	3 45	
		9 45
		$197 31¾
Books bought,	$164 74	
On hand,	120 08	
Paid to Treasurer of Pennsylvania Bible Society,		160 00
Enclosed,		37 31¾
		$197 31¾

Amelia D. Webb,
Treasurer.

CRAWFORD COUNTY.

The work of resupply, in this County, has been partially completed, the past year. Several townships have been visited, and the destitute supplied. We hope, the present season, every family in the County, destitute of the Bible, will be reached and supplied with the same. We have received from this County, during the year, $167 09, and have sent $118 57 worth of Bibles and Testaments to the County for circulation.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

The Carlisle Female Bible Society have undertaken to re-explore the County, and have employed Mr. E. A. Brady as their agent. Mr. Brady has just commenced the work. Up to the date of this report he had visited 329 families; found destitute of the Bible 14 of that number. We cordially commend this work to the friends of the Bible in Cumberland County.

LADIES' BIBLE SOCIETY OF SHIPPENSBURG.

"SHIPPENSBURG, PA., April 1, 1857.

"Enclosed is an order for $63, from the Ladies' Bible Society of Shippensburg, with which make Edmund B. Snyder and Mrs. Caroline O. Harper, life members.

"Our Society continues much in the same state in which it has been for many years past. The members contribute cheerfully, and are unwilling that it should go down. It is thought an increased impulse would be given by a visit of your Secretary, Rev. Mr. Torrence; and we shall be glad to see him at any time most convenient to himself.

"Mrs. Arabella Wilson, President; Miss K. Irwin, Treasurer; Mrs. Caroline O. Harper, Cor. Secretary.

"CAROLINE O. HARPER."

CLEARFIELD COUNTY.

We have no report from this County the past year. They have sent us, on Bible account, $31 15.

DAUPHIN COUNTY.

"The Board of Managers of the Dauphin County Bible Society respectfully report:

"That it is with feelings of deep regret, that we are compelled to inform the Parent Society of the inefficiency of our County organization. When it was established, some years ago, we cherished the hope that it would deserve the commendations that were lavished upon it, and that the harmonious co-

operation of so many sister societies in the County would afford us occasion of rejoicing in behalf of the Bible cause. We find, however, that we were doomed to disappointment, and that it is almost impossible to maintain such a system in effective operation. We were, perhaps, unfortunate in the selection of officers, in some instances; and auxiliaries have been suffered to languish and expire, when a few active and zealous friends of the cause could have kept them alive, and made them efficient.

"At our last Annual Meeting, held in Middletown, on the 18th of November, 1856, but five of the auxiliaries were represented, viz., those of Hummelstown, Dauphin, Middletown, Paxton, and Harrisburg. It was, however, determined to make another effort to infuse life into the unrepresented auxiliaries, and the Executive Committee were instructed to adopt such measures as they might deem best for the accomplishment of this result. A vigorous effort will be made during the year in this direction, and we hope to be able to render a more pleasing account of our next anniversary.

"The income of the Society during the year was as follows:

Sale of Books, with a small Balance from last year,	$314 49
To Cash to Pennsylvania Society for Books, . .	270 01
Freight, Postage, &c., ...	7 22
1856.	
Nov. 17. Balance on hand, ...	37 26
	$314 49

"We have also furnished the poor upon every call.

"The Officers for the present year are:

"President.—J. P. Rutherford.

"Vice-Presidents.—Hamilton Alricks, Joshua Elder, B. J. Weistling, M.D., Rev. G. J. Martz.

"Executive Committee.—Rev. Dr R. Dewitt, Rev. J. D. Curtis, Rev. J. C. Ehrhart, Rev. A. D. Mitchell, Rev. J. W. White, Rev. C. A. Hay, Rev. J. Colder, Rev. D. Gans, Rev. — Bishop, Mr. J. Houser, Rev. J. B. Davis, Mr. J. A. Weir, Mr. D. W. Gross, Mr. A. K. Fahnestock."

ERIE COUNTY.

ERIE COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY.

This Society held its thirty-second Annual Meeting, in the City of Erie, on the 4th of February, 1857, in the Session-Room of the First Presbyterian Church.

"The following persons were duly elected Officers and Managers for the ensuing year, viz.:

"For President.—Rev. J. H. Presley.

"For Vice-President.—Rev. W. F. Wilson.

"For Treasurer.—Jacob Hanson.

"For Secretary.—George Kellogg.

"For Librarian.—Matthew R. Barr.

"Managers.—George Selden, Calvin Spafford, William Himrod, B. B. Vincent, Giles Sandford, Esq., C. Doll, Rev. J. F. Read, Rev. Mr. Hammond, Col. J. Moorehead, John C. Smith, J. D. Clark, Samuel Anderson.

"The Managers' Annual Report showed an increasing interest in the cause throughout the County, and that more had been accomplished the past year than the one preceding it, though not as much as had been anticipated, owing, in part, to their agents having been interrupted in their work by sickness and other causes.

"The Treasurer's Report shows that there has been collected from all sources, during the past year, the sum of $1058 51. All of which, with the exception of $3 75, has been paid over to the Rev. J. J. Aikin.

"The Librarian's Report shows that there has been purchased from the Pennsylvania Bible Society, during the past year, Bibles and Testaments to the amount of $310 43; and Reports, Bibles, and Testaments on hand to the amount of $195 54.

"This Society also held an adjourned meeting, at the same place, on the 9th of March, which was addressed by Rev. J. J. Aikin, and at which the following resolutions were offered, and unanimously adopted, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That this Society will (under the blessing of God) pledge themselves to raise the sum of six hundred dollars, the present year, as a donation to the Parent Society for foreign distribution.

"*Resolved*, That the best interests of this Society would be greatly promoted by placing the 'Bible Society Record' in every family in the County, in which there are contributors to the funds of the Society.

"Respectfully,

"George Kellog,

"Secretary."

FAYETTE COUNTY.

We have sent to this County, the past year, $124 91 worth of books, and received on account $20.

Rev. E. E. Bailey has been engaged in supplying a few townships. The present year we hope to make a general effort in the County, not only in the supply of the destitute with the Word of God, but in collecting funds for sending that word abroad to the destitute in other places.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BROWNSVILLE FEMALE BIBLE SOCIETY.

"The Female Bible Society of Brownsville held their Annual Meeting on the 9th March; but, in consequence of deaths and removals to other places of those interested in the cause, has somewhat diminished its membership;

but we sincerely trust that our feeble efforts to send the Gospel to those who have it not may be abundantly blessed.

"The Collectors and Distributers reported as follows:

"Families found destitute and supplied, 16. 9 Bibles and 7 Testaments distributed.

Amount received on sale of books, . . .	$13 51
" " as donations, . . .	86 03
	$99 54

"M. R. WALLACE."

DUNLOP'S CREEK FEMALE BIBLE SOCIETY.

We have no report or remittance from this Society the past year.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

"The Franklin County Bible Society would report to the Pennsylvania Bible Society, that about three months prior to this date said Society was reorganized, and a new constitution adopted, for the purpose of securing to it greater efficiency. At the same time, it was resolved to explore the County, for the purpose of ascertaining and supplying its destitution of the Sacred Scriptures. An agent for that purpose, the Rev. F. Dyson, was appointed, and entered immediately upon the work. Since that time he has visited 1190 families; found destitute 81, which he supplied; sold 218 volumes, amounting to $98 89, and made collections as opportunity offered. The ratio of destitution, thus far, is 1 family in 14½. From the report of the agent, we are persuaded the County much needs exploration, and that a large number of copies of the Scriptures can be disposed of.

"B. S. SCHNECK,
"President.
"JAMES L. BLACK,
"Secretary.

"CHAMBERSBURG, Feb. 28, 1857."

"CHAMBERSBURG, April 21st, 1857.

"The Female Bible Society of Chambersburg have performed their visitation as usual, and from most of the wards were sent in satisfactory reports to the late Annual Meeting.

"They have found occasion to distribute this spring 3 English Bibles and 3 German, 36 English Testaments and 2 German. Of these, 2 German and 2 English Testaments were sold.

"$54 57 were collected. The Society retain $10 for the purchase of books, and transmit $44 57 to the Parent Society, constituting the Rev. Mr. Dyson, of this place, a member thereof.

"Officers re-elected: President, Mrs. R. R. Schneck; Treasurer, Mrs. E.

C. Berlin; Recording Secretary, Miss S. A. Chambers; Corresponding Secretary, Miss L. A. Denny."

GREENCASTLE FEMALE BIBLE SOCIETY.

"The Greencastle Female Bible Society, auxiliary to the Pennsylvania Bible Society, report that they have collected during the past year the sum of fifty-one dollars and seventy cents. Of this sum, twenty dollars and forty-six cents ($20 46) were collected in the month of December, at a meeting convened and addressed by the Rev. Mr. Torrence, but was by him placed at the disposal of the Greencastle Female Bible Society. Ten dollars were appropriated to the purchase of Bibles for sale and distribution; the remainder was given to the Franklin Bible Society.

"At the annual collection this spring, twenty-nine dollars and eighty-one cents were collected, which, with the moneys remaining in the treasury from Bible sales and other sources, amounting in all to thirty-one dollars and twenty-four cents, are herewith remitted.

"During the past year, Mrs. Julia Culbertson, on the occasion of her removal to a distant residence, resigned the post of President of this Society, which she has held for seventeen years.

"Mrs. Elizabeth M'Crea was unanimously elected her successor.

"M. L. Emerson,
"Secretary.

"Greencastle, April 20, 1857."

GREENE COUNTY.

This County has been resupplied during the past year. Four hundred and fifty families were found destitute and supplied. About 1000 copies of the New Testament have been circulated among poor children in this County. In many parts of the County the most deplorable ignorance was found. We trust, however, the good seed sown in this County may bring forth, some thirty, some sixty, and some an hundred-fold the fruits of eternal life.

JEFFERSON COUNTY.

Nothing has been done in this County for some time past. A resupply is much needed, which we expect to accomplish the present year.

JUNIATA COUNTY.

"The Tuscarora Female Bible Society would beg leave to report that the amount of money collected during the year is $53 75, of which they wish $30 to be appropriated to make David Alexander a life member. They also wish Bibles to the amount of $10, and the balance to pass as a donation

from Society. They are happy to state that there is an increasing interest on the subject of the diffusion of the Bible, on the part of the people within their limits, as manifested by the cheerful response to solicitations for contributions to the great object. Numbers of destitute families have been visited and supplied with Bibles during the year, and the Society hopes to be able to extend its operations shortly to those who are still unsupplied within its field of operation.

"All of which is respectfully submitted by Mrs. Mary S. Thompson, President; Mrs. Mary O. Keson, Treasurer; Mrs. H. M. Shumaker, Corresponding Secretary."

LANCASTER COUNTY.

LANCASTER COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY.

"The Annual Meeting of the Lancaster County Auxiliary Bible Society was held in the Lecture Room of the German Reformed Church.

"The meeting was opened by prayer by the Rev. Mr. Locke.

"The Rev. Mr. Kampman, from the Committee appointed to report the doings of the Society for the last year, presented his report, which was unanimously accepted.

"The Committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year, made the following report, which was unanimously adopted, viz.:

"President—Dr. John Miller.

"Vice-Presidents—Hon. Emanuel Schaeffer, Christian Gast.

"Secretary—Theo. Fenn.

"Librarian and Treasurer—John W. Hubley.

"Executive Committee—Rev. J. S. Crumbaugh, Rev. Alfred Nevin, Rev. D. W. Bartine, Rev. Lewis F. Kampmann, Rev. Shumaker, Rev. H. Harbaugh, Rev. G. F. Krotel, Rev. A. Helfenstein, Rev. B. Smauk, Rev. W. S. Drysdale, Rev. —— Walters, D. S. Bare, Millersville; M. E. Mellinger, S. Harbor; Levi Waidley, Strasburg; John S. Gable, C. M'Cleary, B. D. Gill, D. Heitshu, H. Rathvon, George Spurrier, W. G. Baker.

"Addresses were delivered by the Rev. A. N. Powers, the Rev. H. Harbaugh, and the Rev. John Chambers, of Philadelphia. A collection was taken up, and the exercises were closed by singing the doxology, and benediction by the Rev. D. W. Bartine.

Extract from the Annual Report.

"An effort was made a year ago to organize Auxiliary Societies in the different townships of Lancaster County. Eleven such Township Societies were said to have been formed. Four of these have given good proof of sincerity in the work, and promise well. They are the Societies at Millersville, Maytown, Marietta, and New Holland. Want of sufficient information respecting the rest, prevents us from specifying aught about them. There is,

however, one Auxiliary besides, whose zealous efforts in exploring and supplying the wants of this city and its suburbs, must not be forgotten—we mean the Lancaster City Bible Society. The report of that Society bears ample testimony to its usefulness; exciting our hopes and desires for its continuance and prosperity.

"Our Executive Committee would gladly have provided for a thorough canvassing of the whole County during the past year, but the funds in hand were not sufficient to warrant so expensive an undertaking. What was in our power to do, has, however, been done. So soon as the last long and rigorous winter was over, we sought for a proper colporteur or agent, to send forth upon the work of exploration, and at last found a suitable one in the person of Mr. Wm. H. Gorrecht. He commenced his labors on the 7th of May, and has, without intermission, continued in them up to the present time. The ground over which he has travelled for six months and eight days, occupies about half of the whole County, and is probably the poorest and most destitute part of our district.

"Besides visiting the scattered country people, he called upon the inhabitants of Reamstown, Adamstown, Churchtown, Beartown, Fairville, New Ephrata, and Conestoga Centre. At the following places he labored somewhat, viz., Ephrata, Litiz, Millersville, Strasburg, New Holland, Mount Joy, Marietta, Columbia, Maytown, Bainbridge, and Elizabethtown.

"He found the chief destitution amongst the poor population of the sandhills and furnace mountains. Several families of Roman Catholics were supplied with the Bible, partly by sale and partly by gift. Mr. Gorrecht reports that he visited 1154 families, of whom 100 were entirely destitute of the Holy Scriptures, and 39 would not accept of it on any terms. He sold 307 copies of the Divine Word, in whole or in part, viz., 98 Bibles and 209 Testaments. He gave away 47 copies of the Scriptures, viz., 37 Bibles and 10 Testaments. He received collections from various churches amounting to $24 65, and individual contributions to the amount of $93 53, making in all the sum of $118 18. This tends to confirm the statement which our agent has given of an increased degree of interest being manifested in behalf of the Bible cause by our friends in various parts of the County. It was only in the West Cocalico Swamp that Mr. Gorrecht was not favorably received, and permission denied him to hold a public meeting in the church, and take up a collection for the benefit of our Society. And the reason for this is partly to be found in the fact, that some time ago an impostor deceived the people of that neighborhood; after obtaining a large sum of money from them, he applied it to his own use, leaving those whom he had duped to suspect every one who should afterwards claim to be an agent of the Bible or Tract Societies. The cheerfulness with which some of the destitute poor gave what little money they had to spare, in order that they might get a Bible; as also the thankfulness with which they received a copy of the Scriptures, whenever it was donated to them, often compensated for the toils of

exploration. Thus, for instance, Mr. Gorrecht met with a family in Adamstown, who, although they were members of the Christian Church, were destitute of the Scriptures, and yet so poor as not to be able to purchase a Bible; whereupon he gave them one. The father of the family, a German, said that this was a great gift for him, and that he felt richer than if he had been presented with a ten dollar note. He surely prized his Bible! At another time, an aged couple was discovered in the neighborhood of Reamstown, who had been married for thirty-four years, and never had a Bible in their house. They were very poor; not having the means to procure a Bible, and yet wishing to possess one, they thankfully accepted a German copy of the Scriptures, which, we hope, may prove to have been a gift in season. Whilst attending a camp-meeting at Landisville, in the hope of finding a ready sale for his books, Mr. G. was accosted by a man, who had come afoot from Mount Joy, and by the way he had found a dollar gold piece, which he now offered for a Bible, saying that he was destitute of the Scriptures, and although the dollar which he had found was all the money he had, yet he could not make a better use of it.

"The Annual Report of the Treasurer and Librarian shows that the total amount of receipts into the funds of the Society for the past year, including a balance on hand from the year preceding, of $93 27, was $1030 50½. The total amount of expenses was $812 50, leaving a balance in the treasury of $218 00½. The receipts of the year ending with our last anniversary, together with a balance at its commencement of $253 19, amounted in all to $811 21. Hence the actual receipts of the Society during the last twelve months, exceed those of the previous year by the handsome sum of $379 21½. The whole number of books sold by the Librarian and Agent, was 1498, of which 432 were Bibles and 1066 were Testaments; exceeding the sales of last year by 525 copies. The number of books donated by the Society was 64, viz., 48 Bibles and 16 Testaments; being 48 copies less than last year. Results like these require no comment. Their import can not be mistaken. They tell us our 'labor has not been in vain in the Lord.' Let us, then, as faithful stewards thank God for the past, take courage for the future, and diligently seek to increase the talent intrusted to our keeping!

"The work in which we are engaged is the Lord's; and therefore we trust that he will continue to provide this Society with men and means, by which to advance the glory of His word.

"Respectfully submitted,

"LEWIS F. KAMPMAN,

"LANCASTER, Nov. 20, 1856." "Chairman.

REPORT OF THE LANCASTER CITY BIBLE SOCIETY.

"The Lancaster City Bible Society, auxiliary to your Society, would respectfully present to you its Annual Report. From the organization of the City Society, on the 12th of July, 1855, until a very recent period, but little

was accomplished by us in the great work of Bible circulation; and, indeed, much had not been attempted. For this, two reasons principally may be given. The Society was mostly without funds, and having very little to work with, it was thought prudent to wait until more abundaut means were furnished; and the friends of the Bible, having been accustomed for a long time to contribute to this work through the County Society, were somewhat slow in changing the direction of their contributions.

"A new interest was, however, given to our operations, by the public services connected with our second anniversary, which was held in the Church of the Holy Trinity (Lutheran), on the 12th of October last. On this occasion, interesting and impressive addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. Crumbaugh, Nevin, Bartine, and Demund, and our treasury was cheered by a generous contribution of $33 57. We have also received from the Moravian Church, $16 50; Trinity Lutheran, $30; St. John's Lutherau, $13 75; 2d Presbyterian, $8; 1st Presbyterian, $14 50; 2d Reformed, $40; 1st Reformed, $10; 1st Methodist, $60; and Zion's German Lutheran Church, $9.

"The amount received from the 1st Methodist Church is especially liberal, and we record it with pleasure, in the hope that it may have a healthy influence 'in provoking others to love, and to good works.'

"Having, in this way, received the necessary means for carrying on our operations, we have entered upon the work of resupplying the destitute within our bounds. The Rev. John Tucker, a ministering brother of age and experience, at present connected with the 'Church of God,' has engaged in the work as our Agent and Colporteur, and is very industriously prosecuting it. Mr. Tucker is instructed to visit every family, if possible, in the city and township, and to furnish every destitute family with a copy of the Bible, and every individual that can read, with a copy of the New Testament, either by gift or sale, and to exert what influence he may be able to in the course of his labors, for the spiritual welfare of the families he may visit. A brief view of his labors may be obtained from the reported results of the first week, ending the 8th inst. During that week, Mr. Tucker visited 250 families, 20 of which he found entirely destitute of any copy of the Holy Scriptures. Some of these he had the pleasure of supplying. In two or three cases, he found no member of the family able to read 'the truth of God,' even if possessed. A large proportion of the families that were destitute refused to receive the Bible as a gift. Whenever an opportunity offers, our Agent converses with the families as to their religious standing, exhorts them to keep the Sabbath, and attend habitually upon the services of some Christian Church, and closes his interview with prayer for the Divine blessing.

"Wm. E. Locke.
"Secretary."

REPORT OF THE FEMALE BIBLE SOCIETY OF NEW HOLLAND.

"This Society has now been in existence for more than a year. It was organized through the exertions of Mr. Zimmerman, Agent of the Lancaster County Bible Society.

"The object of this Society is to supply the destitute in the village of New Holland and Earl Township with the Holy Scriptures. The Committee visited 232 families; found destitute, 12; gave gratuitously, 5 Bibles and 1 Testament; sold 21 Bibles and 6 Testaments.

"The township, as yet, has been but partially explored; but the Committee expect to complete the work in a short time.

"All the money collected, with the exception of a small balance, has been appropriated in the purchase of the Scriptures, of which there remain on hand, 14 Bibles and 6 Testaments.

"This Society, therefore, trust that you will accept the willing mind in room of the actual gift, hoping that, at your next anniversary, we will be able to contribute also our mite to your treasury.

"Respectfully submitted,

"C. E. DIFFENDERFER,

"Secretary."

"Officers.—Miss Catharine Ellmaker, President; Miss Evelin Smoker, Vice-President; Miss C. E. Diffenderfer, Secretary; Miss Elizabeth Kinzer, Treasurer; Mrs. Susan K. Smith, Librarian."

REPORT OF THE MAYTOWN BIBLE SOCIETY.

"MAYTOWN, Nov. 18, 1856.

"The Maytown Union Bible Society (Auxiliary) would respectfully report as follows, viz.: That we have partially canvassed the District of East Donegal Township, and have met with varied success; some good, no doubt, has been effected, but there yet remains very much to be accomplished.

"Our Society numbers twenty-eight, and has received contributions amounting to		$18 05
Amount paid for Bibles, &c., . .	$16 87	
" received for Bibles, &c., . . .		10 06
" in hands of Treasurer, . .	11 24	
	$28 11	$28 11

"Number of Bibles, Testaments, &c., sold, 13; gratis, 1.
" " " on hand, 14.

"As there is yet a large district of country to canvass, we have not thought it prudent to forward any funds at the present time.

"Respectfully yours,

"JOHN HAYES,

"President.

"E. S. SIVERD,

"Secretary."

REPORT OF THE MARIETTA BIBLE SOCIETY.

"MARIETTA, November 20, 1856.

"At one of the meetings of the Society, Committees were appointed to canvass the town, to see who were destitute of the Holy Scriptures, and solicit contributions for the benefit of the Society. Said Committees reported 41 families destitute of the Bible, and received in cash $16 72.

"REV. G. M. CLAWGES,
"President.

"Dr. Wm. K. Mehaffey, Vice-President; Samuel Lindsay, Secretary; Jas. Wilson, Treasurer."

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MILLERSVILLE AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY.

Amount of subscription, ...	$34 75	
Remaining unpaid, ...	3 50	
Making the amount of Cash received, . .		$31 25
Amount of Books sold, ...	$32 22	
Remaining unpaid, ...	7 75	
Making amount of Cash, ...		$24 47
Whole amount of Cash received, . . .		$55 72

Expenditures.

Books bought of John W. Hubley, . .	$34 58	
" " Murray & Stoeck, .	5 75	
" " County Agent, . .	1 80	
Paid Jacob Christ, 5 days' labor, as Agent,	1 25	
Books presented, ...	1 58	
	$49 96	
Books remaining on hand, ...	9 68	
		$40 28
Balance of Cash in hand (paid to J. W. Hubley), .		$15 44
Books on hand, ...		9 76
Credits on books, ...		7 75
Aggregate means on hand, ...		$32 87

"For the purpose of exploring our village and vicinity, our Society engaged the services of Mr. Jacob Christ, who, with commendable zeal and industry, in the course of four days' labor, visited about 120 families, found three of them destitute of the Bible, two of whom he presented with the precious Word; received in subscriptions, $15 50; sold $18 worth of books.

"D. S. BARE,
"Chairman.

"MILLERSVILLE, Nov. 1856."

LEHIGH COUNTY.

"The annual meeting of the Lehigh County Bible Society, was held in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Allentown, on New Year's day, 1857, J. P. Barnes, Esq. President, in the chair.

"After appropriate religious exercises, addresses were made by Revs. R. Walker of the Presbyterian, and Dr. Kessler of the German Reformed Church.

"The officers elected for the ensuing year are:—President, Dr. John Romig; Secretary, B. F. Trexler; Treasurer and Depository, Chas. Keck; Managers, Rev. R. Walker, Rev. Dr. Kessler, Rev. B. M. Schmucker, Rev. S. K. Brobst, J. N. Gregory, P. H. Lehr, J. Richard, C. Pretz, E. Moss, M. D. Eberhard, D. K. Diefenderfer, J. Hamman, C. Garunflo.

"A thorough exploration of the County was completed nearly two years since; we have not deemed it necessary to renew that labor so soon. We have, however, determined to request all the pastors laboring within the county to announce in their churches, that if there are any families without the Bible who are poor, we desire to supply them with a copy through their pastor.

"There have been sold from the depository, within the year,—

German Bibles,	36
English Bibles,	3
English and German Testaments,	34
German Testaments,	257
English Testaments,	416
German Testaments and Psalms,	15
English Testaments and Psalms,	4

"These have cost $104 90,—6 Bibles have been given away.

"The Treasurer has been instructed to transmit the sum of twenty dollars as a donation to the State Bible Society.

"B. F. Trexler, Secretary.

"Allentown, April 9th, 1857."

MERCER COUNTY.

We have no report from this County. Nothing has been done in it for several years, either in supply or collecting funds to aid in foreign distribution.

We hope another year will not pass without a revival of our cause in Mercer County. There should be at once a resupply, and aid should be given for foreign distribution. May the good of the Bible put it into the hearts of the friends of the cause to contribute nobly to this object the ensuing year.

MIFFLIN COUNTY.

REPORT OF THE LEWISTOWN FEMALE BIBLE SOCIETY.

"Through the kind providence of God, our Society has been brought to another anniversary occasion. It becomes us to review the labors of the past year and inquire as to what progress we have made in disseminating the word of God, to those who are perishing for lack of spiritual vision, and in helping to usher in that glorious day, when 'the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth, as the waters cover the sea.'

"As respects our town, but little has been done the past year, it being but partially visited, and owing to this fact our contributions have not been so large as in former years; at our last annual meeting our Society took under consideration the exploration of our County, which we resolved to undertake, provided we could find a suitable person for the work. Mr. T. C. Saunders being recommended to us as a person qualified for the work, in the month of May he entered upon his duties, which he persevered in until accomplished, and calls for, from us, our entire confidence in him as an efficient agent; he found many Christian friends who encouraged him in his work by their contributions and kind wishes; and our warmest thanks are due to those congregations and individuals who aided us in this work, and especially to those ladies who each contributed the sum of five dollars, by which they were made Life Members of our Society. These ladies have each received certificates of Life Membership. The result of our agent's efforts may be seen from his report. Our depository is doing well and has a large assortment of Bibles and Testaments.

"Our Society re-elected officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—Mrs. E. Stone, President; Mrs. S. Moore and Miss N. M. Moore, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. E. Hoffman and Miss J. Vanvolzah, Corresponding and Recording Secretary; also ten ladies who are to act as Visitors and Board of Managers.

"ELIZABETH HOFFMAN, Corresponding Secretary."

Report of Mr. T. C. Saunders, Exploring Agent.

LEWISTOWN, July 10th, 1856.

"Your agent, upon closing his labors in your service, begs leave to present for your consideration, the following report.

"In so far as the results of my labors can be summed up in a statistical form, they are as follows:

Whole number of families visited,	1744
Number destitute,	109
Refused,	8
Whole number of copies sold,	601
Number of copies given,	101
Aggregate of sales,	$299 52
Cost of copies given,	30 38
Donations received,	103 27

"The labors of your agent have been quite barren of incident. The following facts are, however, deemed worthy of a place in this report; especially as they show that the labors of the Society have not been altogether unproductive of good.

"In several cases the only Bible in the possession of families upon whom I called, were those presented by the agent who canvassed the county eight years ago; and, in every instance which came within my observation, the books showed evident signs of frequent use.

"In one instance, the only copy of the Scriptures in the possession of the family, was one given to the husband, when on his way to Mexico as a volunteer. I learned, from his own statement, that he had spent many pleasant hours in its perusal in that far-off land. He further stated, that although many did not keep the books given to them, yet others prized them, and passed much of their leisure time in reading God's holy word; an employment to which they were probably but little accustomed while surrounded by the comforts of home. In another case, I found it necessary to call upon a family in the morning, to whom I had given a Bible the previous evening; the weather being unfavorable the husband was unable to go to his accustomed employment, and on entering, I found him reading his Bible, while his wife and daughter sat listening with all the interest which new truths never fail to excite.

"A few destitute persons received the Bible with a churlish indifference; but, in the great majority of cases, it was received with a heartly thankfulness, which showed that the gift was highly appreciated, and would be properly used. In many instances it has afforded me great pleasure to be the almoner of your bounty; and I have not unfrequently wished that those members of your Society who have given much of their time and means to advance its interests, could have been present to have shared the pleasure which their beneficence excited, and thus realize, perhaps more fully than ever before, that it is indeed 'more blessed to give, than to receive.'

"The thanks of your Society and my own, are due to the ministers and members of the various Churches in the County for their hospitality, and their liberality in sustaining the cause.

"Our labor in your service is now closed, and it only remains to implore the blessing of God upon the seed thus sown, feeling assured that, although in some departments of Christian labor, the seed-time is more immediately followed by the harvest, yet in none is effort more surely crowned with success.

"THOMAS C. SAUNDERS, Agent."

MONROE COUNTY.

STROUDSBURG, MONROE COUNTY, April 2d, 1857.

"Please credit the Bible Society for Monroe County with the enclosed twenty-nine dollars; it is all we can send for the past year; this coming

season, Providence permitting, we will attend to the Biblical wants of the County, and make the requisite exertion to pay the debt.

"Respectfully,

"ANNA MARIA STOKES."

MONTOUR COUNTY.

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DANVILLE FEMALE BIBLE SOCIETY.

"We present our Annual Report under quite encouraging prospects. As an organization of ladies, we are happy to be identified with you in one of the noblest enterprises, of which our position in society and our legitimate sphere of action will permit,—the *dissemination of Truth.* The interest which has been manifested during the past year, and the amount collected, evidences plainly what can be accomplished by increased activity and effort, attended by the Divine blessing. Our collection for the present year exceeds that of the past, notwithstanding some of our Districts have not reported as yet. We feel highly gratified that we are permitted, in some faint degree, to contribute our influence toward the elevation of public morals, and the exaltation of humanity. Many in our midst 'regard not the works of the Lord, nor the operations of His hands;' and to such persons we desire to distribute the Sacred Word without note or comment, hoping and praying the same may prove a lamp to their feet, and a light unto their path.

"Our anniversary occurred on April 18th, in the Mahoning Presbyterian Church, Dr. Yeomans, pastor. Opening prayer by Rev. C. J. Collins, after which interesting addresses were delivered by the following clergymen: Rev. M. Stover, Lutheran Church, Rev. I. H. Torrence, Secretary Pennsylvania Bible Society, Rev. Wm. Wilson, Methodist Episcopal Church.

"Collected, present year, $119; have not an accurate account of destitutions; visited 530 families. Retained last year's Officers and Managers, with but two or three exceptions. President, Mrs. M. Magill; Vice-President, Mrs. T. Woods; Treasurer, Miss M. Montgomery; Secretary, Mrs. Amie E. Maxwell. Managers, Mrs. J. Brown, Miss M. Woodside, Miss Margaret Montgomery, Mrs. Stover, Mrs. Barbara Perrin, Mrs. Alex. Wilson, Mrs. T. Cousart, Mrs. Roeker, Mrs. Wm. Seehler, Miss Z. Yeomans, Miss M. Russell, Miss H. Magill, Mrs. Jas. Woodside, Miss Lydia Best, Mrs. Henry Seehler, Mrs. Lydia Woods, Miss Jennie Russell, Mrs. Jas. G. Maxwell, Mrs. Wm. Hassenplug, Mrs. J. R. Moore, Miss Jennie England, Miss Wiley, Miss Mary Magill, Miss Bondman, Mrs. Jas. Cornelison, Mrs. M. C. Grier, Mrs. C. Cornelison, Mrs. Henry Byerly, Mrs. L. Yeomans, Mrs. Jno. Thompson, Mrs. M. Magill, Miss Kate Best, Miss Maggie Hartman, Mrs. Wm. Beachem, Miss Lizzie Frazer.

"We have under contemplation the appropriating of a portion of our collection toward sustaining a colporteur to canvass the County.

"Respectfully submitted.

"AMIE E. MAXWELL,

"Corresponding Secretary."

MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY.

"The Annual Meeting of the above Society was held on Sunday, March 29th, in the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Norristown. The meeting was well attended and the proceedings quite interesting.

"The undersigned committee appointed by the Board of Managers of the Montgomery County Bible Society, to make the annual statement, respectfully present the following report of the operations of the Society for the past year.

"There were distributed from the depository, in charge of the Secretary, one hundred and ninety-two volumes of the Holy Scriptures, to wit: One hundred and two Bibles and ninety Testaments and Testaments and Psalms —some of which were distributed by ladies, acting as committees, in virtue of a resolution adopted at the last annual meeting.

"There were received, at the depository, for Bibles and Testaments sold, the sum of thirty-one dollars and one cent, which was paid over to the Treasurer.

"There remains at the depository, for the use of the Society, one-hundred and one English Bibles, fourteen German Bibles, twenty-one Testaments, sixteen Testaments and Psalms, three copies of Psalms, and thirty-six copies of the Testament in German and English.

"Under the resolutions of last annual meeting, above alluded to, a meeting of the ladies convened in the lecture-room of the First Presbyterian Church, and, having declined the formation of a distinct society, organized committees, distributing the Scriptures to the needy and destitute, within the Borough of Norristown, and received voluntary donations in aid of the cause, and paid the same over to the treasurer, amounting in the aggregate to $73 51; which, together with other receipts, enabled the Society to deposit one hundred dollars with the Treasurer of the Pennsylvania Bible Society to the credit of this Society, in addition to $45 paid on the 8th of April, 1856.

"There remains in the hands of the Treasurer of this Society a balance of $14 72.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"A. Slemmer.
"Wm. Hamill.
"Committee."

"The above report having been read, the audience was addressed by the Rev. Mr. Halsey, who moved its acceptance, and that a copy thereof be sent to the Pennsylvania Bible Society; upon which, the Rev. Mr. Torrence, Agent of the Parent Society, addressed the meeting upon the general merits of the Bible cause, the adaptation of the Holy Scriptures to the wants of the

human family, and our obligations to contribute toward their universal dissemination, which subject was also ably discussed by the Rev. Mr. Ralston, Hon. J. M'Nair, Hon. Judge Krause, and G. W. Rodgers, Esq.

"After the adoption of the report, the Rev. Samuel Aaron offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That the Managers of this Society be authorized and directed to employ an efficient agent, to ascertain, as far as possible, the destitutions of Bibles in the County, and especially to solicit contributions to aid the Society, from every man and woman that he can reach.

"The Rev. Mr. Stem then introduced the matter of alleged changes in the 'King James version of the Bible,' by the American Bible Society, to which he adverted in a few remarks, and was followed in explanation by the Rev. Mr. Torrence; whereupon, the Rev. Mr. Halsey, in view of eliciting further information, moved that a committee be appointed to report upon the collation of the various editions of the Bible printed by the American Bible Society, and the Rev. Mr. Halsey, Rev. Mr. Stem, Rev. Mr. Mallery, Hon. Judge Krause, and H. M'Miller, Esq., were appointed said committee.

"The following gentlemen were then chosen officers for the ensuing year: President, Rev. Robert Steele; Vice-Presidents, Rev. Nathan Stem, Rev. J. G. Ralston, Rev. J. F. Halsey; Secretary, Adam Slemmer; Treasurer, Zadok Thomas; Managers, Rev. W. N. Scholl, Wm. Hamill, G. R. Fox, B. F. Hancock, Rev. Samuel Aaron, Rev. D. G. Mallery, and the Hon. David Krause. After benediction by the President, the meeting adjourned.

"A. Slemmer,
"Secretary."

McKEAN, POTTER, AND ELK COUNTIES.

These Counties were reported as supplied, at the close of our last Biblical year, with the exception of five townships. The remaining five townships have been visited, and one hundred and twenty families found destitute and supplied. The whole number of families visited in these three Counties was 2924. The whole number found destitute of the whole, or part of the Bible, was 454. The whole number supplied, 425. Number of families refusing to receive a Bible, 29.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY.

SUNBURY FEMALE BIBLE SOCIETY.

This Society has not been as active the past year as formerly. The depository is still kept supplied with Bibles and Testaments. The Annual Meeting was held in July, in the Lutheran Church, and an address delivered by the Rev. Mr. Torrence. The town was districted and collectors appointed, some of whom report favorably. A donation of $26 was made to the Parent Society, on life-membership of Rev. M. Born.

MILTON FEMALE BIBLE SOCIETY.

"During the past year, this Society explored that part of Northumberland County lying north of the North Branch of the Susquehanna River, except the towns of Northumberland and M'Ewensville. Rev. Mr. Kennedy was the distributing and collecting agent under the direction of the Society. He visited 449 families, found 17 destitute, and supplied them by sale or gift. He sold and distributed in all, 309 Bibles and Testaments. On Sunday evening, October 26th, 1856, a public meeting was held in the Lutheran Church, in Milton, addresses delivered by Rev. Irvin H. Torrence, His Excellency Gov. Pollock, and Rev. Dr. Watson. A collection in behalf of the cause was taken. In the month of March, the usual time of taking the collection, the ladies attended to that duty, and collected $63, all of which has been forwarded to the Parent Society at Philadelphia.

"M. J. Doll,
"Treasurer."

NORTHUMBERLAND FEMALE BIBLE SOCIETY.

This Society was reorganized in the lecture-room of the Presbyterian Church, in the month of July. Rev. Mr. Torrence, Secretary of the Parent Society, visited the town, and held a union meeting on the subject of the Bible Society, its purposes and benevolent doings. A meeting was called, and the old Society reorganized and officers appointed, but having received no report from them, we can only give the names of two, viz., Miss Jenkins, Secretary, and Miss Youngman, Treasurer. A depository of Bibles was established at the store of Miss Youngman, and a goodly number sold.

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY.

PHILADELPHIA BIBLE SOCIETY.

Officers and Managers.—President, James Bayard; Vice-Presidents, W. G. E. Agnew, Thomas Cooper, Joshua Cowpland, Davis Pearson; Corresponding Secretary, Thomas McKellar; Recording Secretary, George Junkin, Jr.; Treasurer, Edward H. Worne; General Agent, Wilfred Hall. Office, Bible House, Seventh and Walnut.

"Eighteenth Annual Report.—Of our Divine Redeemer a peculiar record is, that 'he went about doing good.' Having assumed man's nature to accomplish God's purposes of mercy toward a fallen world, his compassion moved him to continual action for the welfare of the race to which he had allied himself. His teaching and his conduct were alike shaped with a view to influence his disciples to 'walk as he also walked;' and his parting words to them, when he ascended to the 'glory which he had with the Father before the world was,' were, 'Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.'

"Thus commissioned, the Church which he instituted has endeavored, with a sometimes faltering yet a gradually growing energy, to acquaint the world with that amazing plan of redemption by which 'God can be just, and yet the justifier of him that believeth in Jesus.'

"In the early ages, when books were produced only by means of the slow and patient toil of the copyist, the living voice was almost the sole instrument by which the infinite grace of God could be proclaimed to man. Faithfully was it used, and converts were multiplied; but, alas! a time of falling away ensued. God's witnesses were sacrificed, or driven away to wilds and mountain fastnesses, and a darkness came over the earth, and men sat in the dismal shadows—an occasional intervening flash of light serving to show how black was the darkness,—till Coster shaped his first rude letters on the bark of a tree, and Guttenberg and his compeers perfected the discovery of the typographic art, and gave to the world, as its glorious first-fruit, the printed Word of God. Then ensued the grand Reformation, when the man of sin was checked in mid-career, and the cardinal doctrines of the religion of Christ were plainly set forth before the world.

"The Reformers wisely availed themselves of the new art, and the common people were enabled to read in their own tongues the wonderful works of God. It was not, however, till, through the suggestive destitution of a child, the British and Foreign Bible Society was instituted, that the Christian Church fully made use of the more than magical facilities afforded by the printing press for scattering the Word of God broadcast over the world. A Bible Society was soon after formed in Philadelphia; and in 1816 American Christians generally combined in the organization of our own efficient American Bible Society. Auxiliaries were speedily originated; and the English version of the Inspired Word was made accessible to every English reader.

"This admirable rendering of the Holy Scriptures has become as familiar to us as our own firesides; and it is almost without the range of probability that it will ever be superseded. As a living divine has truly said, 'The words of our English version have been wrought into the very substance of our speech, our thoughts, and our household terms. They ring like sweet chimes in our hymns, our prayers, our best sermons. The best and purest literature of our country has its roots in that noble version; and never does orator speak with such force, or poets sing with such pathos, as when they find fit vehicles of their thoughts in its imagery, its texts, and its homely Saxon.' 'It lives,' says another, 'in the ear like a music that can never be forgotten. Its felicities seem to be almost things rather than words. It is part of the national mind, and the anchor of national seriousness. The potent traditions of childhood are stereotyped in its verses. The power of all the griefs and trials of a man is hidden beneath its words. It is the representative of his best moments; and all that there has been about him of soft, and gentle, and pure, and penitent, and good, speaks to him forever out of his English Bible. In the length and breadth of the land there is not a Pro-

testant with one spark of religiousness about him, whose spiritual biography is not in the Saxon Bible.' And another speaks of our version as 'having the happy wisdom, the instinctive tact, with which its authors have steered between any futile mischievous attempt to ignore the full rights of the Latin parts of our language on the one side, and on the other any burdening of their version with such a multitude of learned Latin terms as should cause it to forfeit its homely character, and shut up great portions of it from the understanding of plain and unlearned men.'

"This is a just estimate of that version of the Scriptures which English and American Bible Societies are mainly engaged in circulating wherever their common language is spoken. In this work they are cheered by the assuring conviction that they are thus obeying the last command of their glorified Lord, and imitating his Divine example of doing good.

"The part borne by the Philadelphia Bible Society in this beneficent enterprise, though comparatively humble, is by no means unimportant. To supply all who are destitute of the Scriptures, in a community of five hundred thousand, requires constant activity and liberal means. For the latter, the Society is entirely dependent on the Christian public; and the aim of the Board of Managers is, to make an efficient and economical use of the charities of which they have been constituted the dispensers.

"The donations received during the past year, amounting to $6455 26, have been strictly applied to the accomplishment of the objects for which they were contributed.

"The issues have been 3757 copies of the Bible, and 12,229 copies of the New Testament; in all, 15,986 volumes.

"The total number of volumes circulated by the Society since its organization, is 226,131; of which 87,690 volumes consisted of the Bible entire, and 138,441 volumes of the New Testament alone, and of the New Testament with the Psalms.

"During the year just closed, 1081 volumes have been furnished to Sunday Schools; and 460 to prisons and houses of charity; while among seamen there have been distributed 10,965, and immigrants 2084.

"Mr. Gardner is still our efficient agent among seamen; and Mr. Seip among immigrants.

"Our esteemed Auxiliaries—the Female Bible Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Sabbath School Bible Society of the Third Presbyterian Church—preserve their time-honored relations to our institution, and continue to render valuable service in the cause in which we are mutually engaged.

"We are happy to announce the reception of two additional auxiliaries, namely, the Germantown Female Bible Society, and the Manayunk Bible Society.

"The Female Bible Society of Philadelphia has again manifested a kindly interest in our success by its customary annual donation; and from the

Northwest Bible Society a welcome contribution has been received into our treasury.

"We are grateful for every manifestation of sympathy and of interest in the cause of the Bible. As the record of the most important events in the history of the world and of man, and as the only expression of His will which the Lord God has vouchsafed to his creatures on earth, it behooves us all, as Christian men, to receive it with faith, to regard it with profound reverence, to walk in its light, and to live by its precepts; and it behooves us as well to put forth our utmost endeavors to place it within the reach of our fellow-men, so that the infinite grace and mercy of our God may become known to all.

"By order of the Board of Managers.

"THOMAS MCKELLAR,

"Corresponding Secretary."

"At the Anniversary meeting of the Philadelphia Bible Society, held Nov. 27, 1857, the following resolution was unanimously passed:

"*Whereas*, The American Bible Society has undertaken to enter on a second exploration of our entire country, with the purpose of placing a copy of the Sacred Scriptures, as early as practicable, in every destitute household where there is a willingness to receive it; be it

"*Resolved*, That the Philadelphia Bible Society will endeavor, during the present year, to raise at least the sum of ten thousand dollars to assist in this great undertaking."

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE FEMALE BIBLE SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, OF PHILADELPHIA.

"In reviewing the past year, the goodness of God is very signally apparent, for although Death has been abroad in the land, and many have been called suddenly to render an account of their stewardship, our Board has been mercifully spared from his invasion.

"Some changes have taken place, and some circumstances, namely the removal to the new Bible House, with the cessation of pulpit notice, have operated somewhat against us; with this, however, we are not discouraged, but rather stimulated to more persevering effort, feeling that on no undertaking could we more confidently invoke the blessing of God, than the dissemination of His blessed Word.

"Our Board of Managers has been somewhat increased since our last report, by accessions from Churches already represented, and two Churches not heretofore represented have been added, making in all, twenty Churches from which we have efficient managers.

"In the past year, our Society has distributed 121 Bibles, 72 Testaments, 2 Bibles with Psalms, and 11 Testaments with Psalms, making in all, 206 copies of the Word of God.

"A large proportion of this distribution has been to destitute Sabbath Schools; and we feel it a blessed privilege, thus to be able to place in the hands of the youth of our city and elsewhere, the Word of Life.

"The aged, too, have been cheered by receiving this blessed Word in a print more suitable to their fading vision, and one, far from his native land, has received the Sacred Volume in his native tongue.

"We feel grateful that we have been enabled to do even so much in our Master's cause, but bespeak the sympathy, the prayers, and the contributions of our friends, that through our instrumentality the Word of the Lord may run and be glorified."

SABBATH-SCHOOL OF THE THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, AUXILIARY.

Our collections for the year 1856 are,

By male board, ...	$131 73
By female board, ...	82 61
	$214 34

"Apart from promoting the objects of the Society itself, we have trained, and are training, the youth of our school to the practice of self-denial, and to active enterprise in the cause of general benevolence. God says, in his Word, 'Behold, I make all things new.' Avarice characterizes the generations which are passing away. Christianity has failed to carry its blessings to every creature, because the heart of man has been locked within the narrow limits of selfishness. The leaven of an exalted, far-reaching philanthropy, in action on the hearts of the Christianized portions of mankind, is infusing itself into the habits of our youth; and we trust that the providence of God may thus make them instruments of overthrowing Satan's kingdom, and extending the empire of the Redeemer.

"GEORGE YOUNG,
"Secretary."

FEMALE BIBLE SOCIETY OF GERMANTOWN.

"The Managers of the Female Bible Society of Germantown, in this their Annual Report, are happy to state that the interest in this blessed cause has not diminished, judging from the increase in the Collections made by the different committees, which have amounted from subscriptions and donations to $109 50, with the addition of $1 87 from the sale of Bibles. During the past year, 7 Bibles, including Book of Psalms, were sold, and 10 small German, 3 large German, 3 large English, and 19 small ones, have been distributed, showing a willingness on the part of the destitute to receive that which maketh rich, and addeth no sorrow.

"It was resolved by the Society to present $80 to the Philadelphia Society, to which Society they became auxiliary during the past year; and that the blessing of God may attend this their humble effort to assist in scattering the good seed of the Word of Life, is their sincere prayer."

Extracts from Report of Distributer among Seamen.

"I have distributed 1582 Bibles, and 9004 Testaments. In going from vessel to vessel, thus leaving none unvisited, and also calling upon the seamen at their boarding-houses, I have endeavored to accomplish the object of your Society, as far as they are concerned, by supplying them all with the Word of God.

"I have still continued to sell the Bible when practicable. The experience of more than four years shows that to be decidedly the best plan. In the New Testament, which is given to the destitute gratuitously, those who are unable or unwilling to purchase the Bible, they will find a sufficiency of doctrine, precept, and encouragement to show them what God requires of them, and what he has done for them. I have invariably found it to be the case, that, as soon as they begin to feel an interest in the momentous truths contained in the New Testament, they will purchase a Bible.

"I have met with a few during the past year, both seamen and boatmen, who have been trying, by the grace of God, to let their light shine among those with whom their lot has been cast.

"A pious mate says: 'The captain and two of the sailors love the Lord. We have prayer meetings on board, in which all take a part. To be sure, we are deprived of some of the privileges which we enjoy on shore; but we try to make the best use of what we have, and the Lord blesses us accordingly.' I will also say, that there is an incidental connection with the above, which makes it peculiarly interesting to us. One of the sailors (a colored man) thinks that your colporteur was instrumental in pointing him to the Saviour, and the other (also colored) said, 'that his companion would give him no rest until he gave his heart to Christ.' The conversion of these men I mentioned in a former report, but think that this short reminiscence will not be out of place.

"During the last very severe winter, as there were not any fresh arrivals after the river was closed by ice, and all on board of the vessels then lying at our wharves were supplied with the good book, I still continued to call on board of these vessels, and endeavored to press upon all who would listen to me the necessity and excellency of personal religion. One young man, a steward of a schooner, with whom I then met, trusts that he has given his heart to Christ.

"I met also with the mate of a schooner, who was led to seek and find the Saviour, by the application to his heart by the Holy Spirit of the following question: 'How can you pray with and for your child, and point it to the Saviour, whilst you are a stranger to him yourself?'. When I next met him, he said, 'I have done just what you told me to do. I bowed before my heavenly Father in my state-room after you left me, humbly confessing my sins, and looked for mercy and pardon through Jesus Christ. It was not long before he gave me a sweet sense of sins forgiven, and I found my heart

flowing out in love and gratitude to my Saviour. On the first day in which I arrived at home, I set up the family altar, and with my wife, intend to look for God's blessing in the use of all his appointed means.'

"There have been 345 Bibles donated this year; 202 of them were put on board of vessels, with the vessel's name stamped upon them. The residue were put on board of the United States Receiving Ship, and vessels bound to California. I have continued to supply vessels bound to Spanish and Portuguese ports with a few copies of the New Testament in those languages, to give to the custom-house officer, and others who visit the vessel. The custom-house officers have generally spent most of their leisure time in reading the Testament whilst on board, and have asked for the gift of it when leaving the vessel. The mate of a barque told me, 'that the custom-house officer, after reading the Bible on board with much apparent interest, asked me to give it to him, and took it on shore after dark, as he was afraid to take it in the daytime. We had the same officer on board of our vessel on the next voyage, and he told me that he had read the whole of the Bible, and was much pleased with it. I asked him if the priest did not object to his reading the Bible, when he went to confession? He replied, 'I have not been near the confessional or the Catholic Church since.' That mate was still an unconverted man himself, or he would probably have given a more interesting account of the Spanish officer.

"To show that the way is preparing for the circulation of the Word of God among the Portuguese, I will relate the following incident: A mate of a vessel which lay at Rio, said, 'As soon as I had given the custom-house officer a Testament, they came in troops from the shore to obtain the same favor. They offered to pay for the book, but I was obliged to send them back disappointed.' The same mate also related the following incident, which illustrates the moral degradation and superstition in which many of the subjects of the Papacy are kept by their religious teachers. At the death of one of the inhabitants, a painting as large as life was made of the deceased, with his name inscribed upon it. It was blessed by the priest, attached to a balloon, and sent up into the air, amid the discharge of cannon and rockets, with the assurance to the surviving relatives and friends, that the spirit of the departed would go with it to heaven. Thus we see, that where 'the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, has not shined into the heart,' every phase of error is likely to obtain entrance.

"I have received 12,000 pages of tracts per month, of the American Tract Society, which I have distributed among the seamen and boatmen, as opportunity offered.

"Joseph H. Gardner."

Distribution among Immigrants.

"We have continued our labors daily at the depot during the past year.

The immigrants still throng our shores; worldly interests and a love for freedom induce them to seek a home in this favored land. Very many of the immigrants, like multitudes of our own countrymen, are groping in darkness, and perishing for lack of knowledge. These it is our duty and privilege to present with a copy of the Bible. In many instances they gratefully receive it, and sometimes they press the hand, while tears course their way down the cheek. The Bohemians, especially, during the past year, manifested much joy when presented with a copy of the Scriptures. We have constantly on hand Bibles and Testaments in fifteen different languages, and on one occasion, distributed in seven different languages.

"2084 copies have been distributed during the past year. We are seldom privileged to converse at length with the immigrants, on account of the short time that we are together, so that no interesting facts can possibly be stated.

"A. M. Seip."

From another Distributer.

"I have distributed since the first of December, 1855, 50 English, 16 German, and 1 French Bible, and 3 Testaments. Most of them were to very poor families, who were not able to pay anything for them, and were thankfully received. The bodily wants of a poor sick Catholic man were supplied, and a Bible was given to instruct him in the way of the Lord. He read it with much interest; and when his Catholic friends came to see him, he told them what he had been reading about, and tried to explain it to them. Almost the last thing he did, was to read it, and exhort his wife to do the same. I wrote the date of their marriage, and of birth of two children, and of his death, in the record, after he was laid in the grave, and urged his wife to do as he requested her.

"A French Catholic woman was supplied, and was much pleased to get the Bible. Her priest had told her not to take one, as she did not understand it. Her answer was, then it could do her no harm; she would have it.

"Some months past, a German Catholic girl obtained one, for which she paid twenty-five cents. She became deeply interested about religion; said she would go no more to confession, and began to go to a Protestant Church, and now reads the Bible.

"Some years ago, I supplied a Catholic woman with a Bible, and after she had it for some time, she told me she must give it up; however, I persuaded her to keep it. Not long since, she moved away, and left the book to be given to me when I came; the person to whom she gave it, paid me twenty-five cents for it, and was glad to get it.

"I supplied a sick young man with a Bible. His mind for some time was much concerned on the subject of his salvation; and afterward he gave very decided evidence of conversion. I had many delightful seasons with him in reading, and explaining the Bible to him.

"I met with a poor and sick woman in great distress of mind in view of

her sins. She was supplied with a large Testament, and read it with much devotion; and after a time, I hope she became a Christian.

"A sick man, a German, who had been brought up a Romanist, had not been to church of any kind for eighteen years; he had seen a Bible, but never read one; and seemed to have no thoughts about the world to which he was fast going. I tried to show him his duty and danger, and prayed with him; he appeared interested in what was said. He has been supplied with the Word of God, and some other good reading.

"A. G. Rowland."

The Conversion of the Jews.

"The universal impulse, which in this age is felt upon the mind of the civilized world, has reached the Jewish people. They participate in the general propension to intellectual and social progress. Great numbers of the nation are now in European colleges, and not a few in American institutions of learning, both as students and professors. The mass of the Israelites are beginning to think for themselves. As a consequence, they begin to throw off the dogmas of the Rabbins, which for ages have bound them in error and ignorance.

"In this respect, the Jews are situated now very much as were the Germans in the early stage of the Reformation, the stage of inquiry; when they first began to turn their attention to the Holy Scriptures, and exercise the right of private judgment in matters of religion.

"What has kept the Jews in their unbelief, and consequent obstinate rejection of the Messiah, has not been a want of definiteness in the Old Testament Scriptures. Being deprived of the Pentateuch and the Prophets, with the exception of some fragments, and these glossed over with rabbinical explanations, they have given heed to it, and to the Talmud, the oral revelation which the Rabbins falsely pretend to have been given by God to Moses at the same time with the law. These teachings, of mere human origin, now collected and published in the form of a volume, are the 'veil' which remains over the mind of the children of Israel.

"But if the simple study of the Scriptures produced so great a reformation under Luther and his compeers, may we not anticipate, that when the Jews are willing to receive the sacred oracles, as it is now the case all over the world, the Jews of America not excepted, turning their attention to their own acknowledged and cherished Bible, with a prayerful desire to know of the Messiah, they will be converted to the faith of Christ?

"What, under the Divine blessing, is our grand remedy for the present state of things? Is it not the cheap and wide circulation of both Old and New Testaments, in the native language of the people? The Bible contains the best evidence of its own truth.

"Now, the Jews have peculiar claims upon Christians for the gift of the Word of God. Not only was that Word, from the beginning to end, written

by Jews under the inspiration of the Spirit, but the Jewish nation may be said to have been the great librarians of the Christian Church. By their very jealousy and opposition, they have guarded the purity of the Scriptures, and transmitted them safely to the present day. These, then, are unspeakable obligations; and how can Christians better repay, than by a large diffusion of the Scriptures, and other translations, so that every Jewish family may possess a copy of the Word of Life?

"There is a stronger reason for this course,—that the Jews have been found to be accessible to instruction through the Scriptures, while sealed up against every other channel of influence; and the most important spiritual results have attended the use of the Scriptures. It may be added, that never were the Holy Scriptures for the use of the Jews in a more perfect state than they are at the present moment. The Hebrew New Testament, carefully revised after the labor of years, has been issued in many thousands of copies, and likewise the Hebrew Old Testament,—we believe, far exceeding the New. Surely, to such people no gift can be so appropriate as the Word of the living God. Nothing is better fitted to overthrow infidelity on the one hand, and Rabbinical tradition on the other.

"Though we did nothing more in the Jewish field, than universally, and in the most accessible forms, circulate the Scriptures among the Jews in Philadelphia, we would render a service of unutterable value to the cause of Christianity. And this is a work which, among so limited a population as from eight to ten thousand of Israelites, we have the high satisfaction of one day hoping to see, in a very tolerable manner, accomplished.

"To show the eagerness with which the Bible is received and read by the Jews, we would observe, that an edition of 3000 Hebrew-Spanish Old Testaments having been exhausted among the Spanish Jews of Turkey, the American Bible Society granted funds for another edition of 5000 copies. A loud call was made about the same period, from the Hebrew-Germans, for the multitudes who speak this tongue in Germany.

"The London Society for promoting Christianity among the Jews, since the year 1820, have circulated among the Israelites, through their wide field, 61,600 Hebrew Old Testaments; Hebrew portions of the Old Testament, 167,034 copies; and 55,745 Hebrew New Testaments.

"The effect of this diffusion of the Bible among them is already apparent; they search the Scriptures diligently, and hold private interviews with the missionaries sent among them, chiefly converted Jews. Numbers are converted, more and more every year. More Jews have been converted within the short period of fifty years than had been known in the preceding eighteen centuries.

"The Rev. Harvey Newcomb, in his Missionary Statistics, as taken from the Cyclopedia of Missions, gives the following round numbers:—Missions to Jews, 115; Laborers among them, 200; Converts, members of Evangelical Churches, 15,000; Jewish children in Mission Schools, 12,000.

"It is impossible to give any satisfactory numerical statements as to the result of missionary labor among the Jews of the United States of America; but there are living in nearly every city, and many of the larger and smaller towns and villages, converts to the faith of Christ; and whose conversion is attributed mainly to a careful investigation of the entire Word of God, with an earnest desire to come to the true light.

"We do not know of any systematic efforts having ever been made in the city of Philadelphia. Mere occasional attempts were made to call the attention of the Jews, by missionaries stopping here for a short period; and the Scriptures had not been disseminated among the Jews, with the exception of a few copies distributed among them about the year 1850, or 1851. It is only within the present year, that systematic efforts were commenced by the missionary now laboring here, visiting the families for religious instruction, and placing the Holy Scriptures among them, in the languages which they can read and understand; nor has it been in vain to engage in such efforts. There have been dispersed among them, in whole and in part, 126 copies of the Scriptures, in seven different languages. Of course, the work has scarcely begun; a work so difficult, and yet so promising and hopeful. In many instances, the Scriptures were received with great thankfulness, with a thirst to obtain the knowledge of its contents; and not a few of the young of the Israelites have given evidence of their sincerity. Among the number of the young men were two infidels, but now close students of the Word of God; another, of riper age, who had neglected to read the Bible for fifteen years, and had never before read the New Testament, is now anxiously and carefully examining both Testaments. Several boys, from the age of ten to fourteen, have adopted a systematic reading and study of the Word of Life every evening; and not a few Jewesses have hailed the missionary, and earnestly requested of him a copy. A spirit of prayer has been awakened among a number of them of both sexes, by means of Scripture distribution.

"A number of Israelites have been induced to visit the missionary at his residence, for religious conversation, from time to time, and asking advice to be directed how to find access to a throne of grace, by means of the distribution of the Bible. Among the Israelites, a door has been opened, and a considerable number of families have become very accessible, where the missionary is always welcome. The number of converts in Philadelphia is very limited, yet it is cheering to know, and to state the fact, that among the number we can enumerate a Professor of Hebrew, a Professor of ancient and modern languages, a Doctor of medicine, the wife of a Physician, the wife of an Elder of a Presbyterian Church, and two ministers of the Gospel.

"S. Bonhomme.

"To the Managers of the Philadelphia Bible Society."

PIKE COUNTY.

"The annual meeting of the Pike County Bible Society, was held in the Presbyterian Church, on Tuesday evening, the 6th January, 1857.

"Opened with prayer, by Rev. Mr. Dedrick. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. Todd and Dedrick. The annual report was then read. Also an interesting report from Mr. Nathaniel Spear, a colporteur of the American Tract Society, who was employed to finish the work of visitation and supply; he spent about four months in our County.

"Visited 604 families; held religious conversation or prayer with 476 families, and found 47 families destitute of the Bible.

"Mr. Spear says he has visited all the families in the County, except a few in the neighborhood of Union Schoolhouse; this district had an agent appointed, and books furnished, but no report has as yet been received.

Value of books now in depository, Jan. 1, 1857, .	$52 79
Value of books in hands of agents, not accounted for,	25 68
	$78 47
Cash in depository, after deducting expenses paid for freight and postage, ...	$13 00

"The following are the names of the officers for this year: President, John H. Wallace; Treasurer, S. S. Hall; Secretary, John Laforge; Corresponding Secretary, John H. Brodhead.

"Yours, &c.,
"JOHN H. WALLACE."

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.

"The fifth annual meeting of the Schuylkill County Female Bible Society, was held on Monday evening, February 2d, 1857.

"A large audience being assembled at the appointed hour, Rev. I. H. Torrence moved that Andrew Russel, Esq., act as Chairman. And, on motion of the same, the Rev. D. Washburn, Rector of Trinity Church, Pottsville, was unanimously chosen Secretary. The 119th Psalm was then read in part by Rev. Mr. Torrence, followed by a prayer for the Divine blessing. The Secretary then read a statement of the Society's labors for the year preceding, together with the reports of the Distributer, Treasurer, and Librarian.

"John A. Heckman, acting as distributer during the year, had canvassed the following places, viz.: Port Carbon, Belmont, Silver Creek, New Philadelphia, Patterson, Middleport, Tuscarora, Tamaqua, West Penntownship Catawissa Valley, Ashland, Girardville, Little Mine, Big Mine, Mahantony's Valley, Williams' Valley, Deep Creek Valley, Locust Valley, Mount Pleasant, Stanhope, Eckert, and Gilbert's Furnaces, Little Dam, Tremont, Pine Grove Township, South Franklin, Orwigsburg Landing, Auburn, and West Haven —visiting in all 3206 families.

"Among these were 1100 Roman Catholic families, of whom about 1005 were destitute of any version of the Bible; and but few of these would pur-

chase, however cheaply, or accept even as a gratuity, the precious volume of Sacred Writ.

"Of the other 2106 families designated as Protestants, 500 nominally such, yet really as much Papist as Protestant, whether in faith or association, were without the Word of Life. To most of these, however, it proved acceptable on presentation, and was accordingly furnished. There were distributed 791 volumes of Old and New Testament Scriptures together, or the New by itself, at their pecuniary value generally, and 61 volumes gratuitously—making the total number distributed by Mr. Heckman, 856 of the 1021 drawn by him from the depository, according to the following report of the librarian, to wit:

Number of volumes in depository, Feb. 1st, 1856, . .		206
" " bought of Pennsylvania Bible Society,		1318
" " in Pottsville, ...		47
Whole number of volumes, ...		1571
Number of volumes drawn by J. Heckman, .	1021	
" " sold by Librarian, .	67	
" " donated to hotels, . .	291	
" " given on membership, .	2	
	1381	
Number of volumes in depository Feb. 1st, 1857, .		190
Value of books in depository, . . .		$114 28

"Mary W. Parvin, Librarian.

"From which, it may be seen, that the Society enters upon the new year with some 350 volumes, including the number in the depository, with those yet in the hands of the distributer.

"The report of the Treasurer shows an expenditure of $515 15 for books, &c., during the year, leaving $17 38 to the credit of this auxiliary, in account with the State Society, and $37 70 in the treasury. To this, $80 were added, for constituting new life-members of the County Society, and a collection of $12 44 at this anniversary meeting. The life-members constituted are, Mrs. T. Russel, Mrs. Parry, Mrs. Bartholomew, Mrs. Pollock, and Mrs. Ridgway, by individual contributions of friends of the Society, Henry Clay Russel by Mrs. A. Russel, Miss Allen, by her scholars, and the Rev. Mr. Gracey, by individuals present.

"The report includes an appropriate notice of the death of Mrs. Conch, after a protracted illness, for a time a member of the Board of Managers, and urges to heed the admonition, thence coming to the living, to work while we have time and strength.

"Our anniversary meeting was then addressed by Judge Conyngham President of the Luzerne County Bible Society, and Judge Parsons, of Philadelphia, who formerly officiated as Presiding Judge in Schuylkill and

neighboring Counties. This was a feature of this anniversary as delightful as it was unexpected, and, in these parts, unusual. The counsel of learned jurists could nowhere be more appropriately given, than to such associations as directly conserve the morals and well-being of society, for which laws exist, and in which the conscientious perception of right and wrong must be cherished, or justice is impracticable. Happy are the people whose judicial functionaries, blending the Christian, the philanthropist, and the patriot, lend their influence to promote the circulation of man's best enlightener. The fruits of disciplined minds and large experience are thus made eminently useful. This, and much more, was testified to the honorable gentlemen, by a cordial and unanimous vote of thanks. A closing address was made by the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Bible Society for the Eastern District, with his usual popular ability; after which the following officers were nominated by the Secretary, and chosen for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. A. Russel; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. B. T. Taylor, and Mrs. Wm. Pollock; Librarian, Mrs. T. J. Parvin; Treasurer, Miss Gill; Recording Secretary, Mrs. M'Ginnis; Corresponding Secretary, Rev. D. Steck; Managers, Mrs. Parry, Mrs. Bartholomew, Mrs. Housel, Mrs. B. Haywood, Mrs. B. W. Cumming, Mrs. P. Shaeffer, Mrs. Wendle, Mrs. D. J. Ridgway, Mrs. Esterly, Mrs. Butram, Mrs. Zimmerman, Mrs. T. Rand, Mrs. Milnes, Mrs. Montelius, Miss M'Camart, Mrs. Steck, Mrs. Frank Pott, and Mrs. Washburn.

"Respectfully submitted,
"DANIEL WASHBURN,
"Secretary, pro tem.

"POTTSVILLE, February, 1857."

SNYDER COUNTY.

SELINSGROVE FEMALE BIBLE SOCIETY.

March 31st, 1857.

"Since the organization of this Auxiliary Society in July, 1856, we have had an agent employed three months,—Rev. S. S. Kennedy, who was engaged upon the recommendation of Rev. I. H. Torrence, Secretary of the Parent Society. Mr. Kennedy explored a part of Snyder County,—about one half of the townships lying nearest the Susquehanna River. His reports show a considerable destitution; quite a number of families were found in which the sacred volume was wanting. And his explorations embraced the most 'sunny' portions of the County; so that the destitution in the unexplored portion will, doubtless, be found still greater. Besides, what renders the picture still more unlovely is, that amid the destitution, there is evinced a lamentable unwillingness, in many instances, to purchase Bibles, where the ability to do so is not wanting. Mr. Kennedy's reports, consequently, give the County a very 'shady' aspect relative to Bible possessions, and

Bible appreciation. These remarks apply more particularly to the country, not so much to the towns. In Selinsgrove, the principal town of the County, the people are generally supplied, and take an interest in the operations of the Bible cause, and yet we could wish the interest to be much greater even here.

"Mr. Kennedy reports that, in some instances, people 'took the liberty even to treat me rudely, having regarded me as a book peddler.' And he further states, that 'many refused to buy, till the books were offered to them for less than cost; and some, who were well able to buy, demanded Bibles for nothing, saying, that it was my duty as a Colporteur to *bestow* them to those who were destitute.' As to donations to the Bible cause, Mr. Kennedy did not succeed. He says, in nearly every instance he was refused.

"It will thus be seen that our Society labors under many disadvantages, so far as *support* is concerned; and not much wonder that the casting up of our accouuts shows quite an unpleasing deficit against it. The *necessity* of this work, however, is the more apparent; and under a seuse of this necessity, this Society is willing to continue its co-operation with the State Society until the entire exploration is fully accomplished.

"The following statistics will more fully show what the Society has done through its Agent, taken from Mr. Kennedy's reports:

Whole number of families visited,	866
Families found destitute of the Bible,	112
Number of destitute families supplied,	75
" " " " by gift,	23
" " " refused to buy,	37
Value of Bibles and Testaments given,	$18 30
Whole number of volumes disposed of,	581
Cash received for books sold,	$266 71

"At the expiration of three months, Mr. Kennedy resigned his agency, and Mr. John Kamp, a Theological Student from Gettysburg, was appointed.

"Through the agency of Mr. Kamp, it has been ascertained that a great destitution of the Word of Life exists in the western townships of Snyder County. He has been in the field of operations but one month, as successor to Mr. Kennedy, our former agent. Mr. Kamp has been diligent in his work; and he gives us a very unfavorable account of the religious state of things in the parts of the County which he has visited. In his report he says: 'I have been particular in going to every house. I have made it a point to supply every destitute family, either by sale or by gift. And I have succeeded in doing so in every case, except one family, who refused to receive a Bible. The man, however, stated that they had a Bible on their farm, some six or eight miles from the town in which they now reside!'

"It is, indeed, astonishing to find so many families without the Sacred

Word in a region so long settled, and pretending to civilization; and the most gloomy and mournful consideration of all is, that many of such yet make a profession of religion, and are identified with some of the Protestant denominations. May God have mercy on such Christians, and bring them to a 'knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus.'

"The month's effort, ending with the 1st May, sums up as follows:

Whole number of families visited,	418
Number found destitute,	48
Number of families (destitute) supplied,	47
Number of Bibles given gratuitously,	18
" Testaments "	8
Cash received for books sold,	$75 00
Worth of books granted,	8 48

"S. Domer,
"President."

SUSQUEHANNAH COUNTY.

We have had no report from this County for several years past. Nothing has been done either to supply the County, or to aid in Foreign distribution. There is no doubt many families living in the County without the Word of God. We hope and believe, before another year closes, an effort will be made to revive the County Bible Society, and breathe new life and energy into the cause in this County.

TIOGA COUNTY.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TIOGA COUNTY BIBLE SOCIETY.

Bibles on hand last anniversary,	$90 72	
" bought during the year,	213 43	
		$304 15
Bibles, &c., sold this year at depository,	$60 51	
" " " by colporteur,	25 66	
" given away,	34 85	
" left on hand,	183 13	
		304 15

Cash Account.

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By memberships,	$28 00	
" sales at depository,	60 51	
" " by colporteur,	25 66	
" donations,	8 48	
		122 65

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To colporteur canvassing two townships, .		$24 06	
" freight and damage on books, &c., .		12 00	
" parent Society on debt, and placed to credit of Pennsylvania Society, . . .		86 59	
			$122 65
Families visited by colporteur, . .	397		
" not having Bible or Testament in their houses, and supplied by Society, . . .	53		
"Per cent. of Bibles, &c., in every hundred, .	13½		

"H. W. Williams,
"Secretary."

UNION COUNTY.

"The anniversary of the Lewisburg Female Bible Society was held in the Methodist Episcopal Church, on Sunday evening, Sept. 14, 1856. Rev. Mr. Fink delivered the address. He was followed by Rev. I. H. Torrence in remarks explanatory of the object and doings of the Bible Societies in Europe and America.

"We have but little of special importance to report concerning our last year's operations. We have still an existence as an organization, and though not very active in operations, are still doing a little towards the spread of the Bible. Our Annual Meeting was held Sept. 15th, 1856, at which time new officers were elected and collections were taken up, which amounted to $106 90. This Society donated $120 to the Pennsylvania Society, to constitute four life-memberships. Upon the suggestion of Mr. Torrence, this Society has commenced the exploration of Union County for the purpose of Bible distribution. One agent, Mr. D. C. Worts, is now actively engaged in the work, and as it has been deemed expedient to have the work expeditiously done, another agent will be placed in another part of the County very soon. The Society has books on hand to the amount of $108 55. Cash in the treasury, $21 56. Credit in the Philadelphia Society to the amount of $21 56. Total, $155 55.

"We have had several special meetings, but not anything of much importance has been done. We generally find our citizens ready to co-operate with the Society in their great and noble work.

"Maria J. Grier,
"Secretary."

WARREN COUNTY.

This Society has made an exploration of their County the past year. There were found 325 families destitute in whole and in part of the Bible,

nearly all of which were supplied. We have received from this County $80 11, in part payment for books purchased.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Nothing has been done by the County Society the past year. Two years ago they gave us a liberal donation.

We confidently expect they will aid us again during the present season.

WASHINGTON FEMALE BIBLE SOCIETY.

This Society has sent us the past year as donation, . .	$34 82
They also remitted to us, as donation from Chartiers Cross-roads Presbyterian Church, ...	27 50
Making in all, ...	$62 32

CANONSBURG FEMALE BIBLE SOCIETY.

We have received as donation from this Society the past year, $50.

WAYNE COUNTY.

"The twenty-first Annual Meeting of the Bible Society of Wayne County, was held in the Methodist Church in Honesdale, on Tuesday evening, March 10th, 1857, Z. H. Russell, Esq., in the chair.

"The meeting was opened with singing, and with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Skinner.

"The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read and approved.

"On motion, the chair appointed Messrs. F. B. Penniman, Jas. Mathews, and Wm. Gilmore, a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

"The report of the Executive Committee was then read by the Secretary and adopted. It is as follows:

"The Executive Committee of the Bible Society of Wayne County respectfully report,

"That, from the statement of the Treasurer, duly audited and approved by the Committee, the balance at the commencement of the year, as reported at the last anniversary, was $162 06. He has since received a donation from the Salem Auxiliary, $5. From sales of books, at the depository and throughout the County, $158 14. From collections in Honesdale and its vicinity, $161 23. From a few friends in Bethany, $5. Total amount, $491 43.

"He has paid out the following amounts: To the Pennsylvania Bible Society ($30 of which was to constitute Mr. Nathaniel Spear a life-member of the American Bible Society), a donation of $100. To the Pennsylvania Bible Society, on account of books, $50. To Mr. Nathaniel Spear, for his

services as colporteur, $83 36. For freight and postage, $4 75. Total, $238 11. Balance in the treasury, March 10th, 1857, $253 32. There have been issued from the depository for sale and distribution during the year, 219 Bibles, 278 Testaments, and Testament and Psalms, which, with the number reported in previous years, gives an aggregate of 3289 Bibles, 7154 Testaments, and Testament and Psalms, making 10,443 volumes put in circulation since the organization of the Society in 1821.

"There were in the depository, February 20th, 109 Bibles, 58 Testaments and Testament and Psalms.

"There is a balance in our favor in the account with the Pennsylvania Bible Society, of $106 63. An appropriation of $100 for books, in addition to this amount, will be necessary.

"The Executive Committee beg also to report that, during the past year, the work of exploration and supply has been continued by Mr. Nathaniel Spear (who labored for the Society during the previous year) in addition to his duties as Colporteur of the American Tract Society. During the first year his work lay in the townships of Scott, Preston, Buckingham, Manchester, Damascus, Lebanon, Mount Pleasant, Clinton, Oregon, and Dyberry. During the past year he has labored in Berlin, Cherry Ridge, Canaan, South Canaan, Paupack, Palmyra, Salem, Sterling, and has explored also part of Texas township. Thus, during the two years, he has gone over the entire County, with the exception of the borough of Honesdale and part of Texas.

"His report for the past year, during which he was occupied for us eight months, is as follows:

"During the eight months spent in the County, I have visited 1367 families. Held religious conversation or prayer with 958 families; 399 acknowledged themselves to be habitual neglecters of public worship; 77 families were found to be destitute of the Word of God, and all, or nearly all, were Protestants. I have disposed of about 125 Bibles, and nearly the same number of Testaments. Three months of the past year have been employed in Pike County, which is more destitute than Wayne. Nearly one in every six families were found destitute of the Bible. During the eight months reported in this County, I have been in the more favored localities where religious privileges are universally enjoyed. I think I can say that there is an increased interest in reading and studying the Scriptures. In some localities Sabbath-schools are organized wherever children can be found in sufficient numbers, and praiseworthy efforts are made to sustain them.

"I met an old man, in my travels, who said, I have turned 86 years; tell the brethren I am going home; tell them to be faithful; say to impenitent sinners, I love the Saviour, and the longer I serve Him the happier I feel. Tell them, if they would be happy, they must be Christians, and become so now.

"In calling at a house, I found a large family; upon asking them if they wanted books, the woman and mother said her old Bible was almost gone,

and she could not see to read, the *f's* and *s's* being alike. They gave me all the money they had for the large Testament and Psalms, the Bible Society giving them the balance. The woman said she had been wanting a Bible for a long time.

"In conversation with another family, the woman said, I have not been to meeting for six years; another for two; and still another for eight years.

"Thus nearly all who are found destitute of the Bible are habitual neglecters of evangelical preaching, and consequently are without the Gospel in any form whatever. The sight of the Bible in the house has its salutary effect upon the hearts and consciences of a family.

"May we not be weary in sowing the seeds of Divine truth broadcast over the land; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

"In addition to Mr. Spear's work, the Rev. Mr. Mendenhall reports having visited portions of Sterling Township, without expense to the Society.

"No reports have been received from the auxiliary societies of Prompton, Hawley, and Salem, nor of any proceedings from that located at Waymart.

"The immediate work which the Society is called upon to accomplish is the supply of those parts of Texas not visited, and the Borough of Honesdale. From a very interesting report from the visitors of one of our Texas districts, made within the last week, we learn that an English family was found, who had been without a Bible for six years. There were various other families, German and American, who were destitute of the Holy Scriptures.

"The Executive Committee cannot close this Report without appealing to the friends of the Bible cause throughout the County for more earnest and effective co-operation in their work and labor of love. It will be seen from the reports of the Treasurer, which are made from year to year, that the amount of funds contributed to the Society from other localities than Honesdale and its vicinity, is small. As this cannot be ascribed to any want of love for the Bible and its life-giving truths, it must be attributed to a lack of proper and systematic efforts. Let these at once be commenced, and the little rills of beneficence will flow from all quarters of our country to swell the tide that blesses man. All of which is respectfully submitted.

"President.—Rev. L. D. Tryon.

"Vice-Presidents.—Wm. R. Stone, Emmons Eaton, James Mumford, Z. H. Russell, Richard Lancaster, R. L. Seely.

"Treasurer.—Stephen Torrey.

"Secretary.—Rev. Richard B. Duane.

"Managers.—Rev. T. H. Skinner, Rev. E. Owen, Rev. J. Goetz, Wm. R. McLaury, S. D. Ward, Henry Heath, Rev. E. Mendenhall, Curtis Stoddard, Rev. S. Whaley, Wm. F. Hurlburt, Rev. E. O. Ward, S. B. Coston, Wm. L. Stewart, Butler Hamlin.

"The Annual Address was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Whaley, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Mount Pleasant.

"On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to transmit the sum of $150 as a donation to the Penusylvania Bible Society.

"On motion of the Rev. Mr. Skinner, this sum was directed to be applied to constitute Zenas H. Russel a life director of the American Bible Society. After singing, the Benediction was pronounced by the Rev. E. Owen, and the meeting adjourned.

"Rev. Richard B. Duane.
"Secretary."

WESTMORELAND COUNTY.

Nothing has been done in this County generally for the Bible cause for some time past. In former years this County has done nobly, and, we trust, before the present Biblical year closes, a new impetus will be given to the cause throughout the County.

YORK COUNTY.

"The York County Bible Society, during the past year, has moved slowly but steadily, in the noble enterprise of spreading the Scripture page before the perishing destitute of our country. And, though our reports may not exhibit uniform activity and success in our operations year after year, there is, nevertheless, alive in our Society, a deep sense of the importance of the work to be done; and our prayers go up fervently to the Eternal Author of the Bible, for iucreased efficiency in the free and general distribution of the Word of Life.

"Not having a regular agent in our field, our exploring and distributing operations have not been so efficient, nor so extensive, as in former years. Through the services of our Tract agent, the Bible has been carried to many destitute families. He reports, for nine months of his labors, 196 families without the Word of God. We allow this colporteur, for his labors in carrying our Bibles with him, and selling and distributing them, at the rate of $75 per year.

"Since our last report, there have been sent and sold from our depository, nearly 1000 copies of Bibles and Testaments; of this number, about 100 copies were gratuitously given.

"Thus our Society has steadily pursued the great benevolent object of its institution. Our prayers and our offerings and our labors have been cheerfully devoted to its appropriate operations. And with the hundreds of copies of the Scriptures sent out this year, have gone earnest prayers that God will sanctify his own Word to the awakening and illumination of many destitute godless families; that this Scripture light may be shed upon the darkened understandings of many a poor sinner; that the convicting power of the Holy Spirit may accompany each volume to some offender, and lead him to repentance; and that its saving power may bring perishing prodigals back

to the teeming bounties of their forsaken Father, and point the way of life and peace to multitudes of erring pilgrims.

"The receipts over the necessary expenditures have amounted, during the year, to $457 56; which has been sent to the Pennsylvania Society. Of this amount the Female Bible Society of York collected and paid over, $188 81.* Also, of this amount, $25 18 was received from the Hanover Bible Society. Also $18 00 was received from the Lower End Bible Society. All auxiliary to the York County Bible Society.

"The annual meeting of our Society was held on the 6th of January last, in the Second English Lutheran Church, in the Borough of York; and the annual sermon delivered by the Secretary. The Hanover Society was represented at this meeting.

"The officers for the ensuing year are: President, Samuel Small, Esq.; Vice-Presidents, Dr. Luke Rouse, and Wm. A. Wilt; Recording Secretary, Dr. H. M. M'Clellan; Corresponding Secretary, Rev. A. W. Lilly; Treasurer, Rev. S. Oswald; Managers, Charles A. Morris, E. G. Smyser, Dr. J. W. Kerr, John Beeker, George Wehrly.

"No other reports have been received from any of the auxiliary Societies of the County.

"A. W. Lilly, Secretary."

* This amount of $188 81 was contributed, by the Presbyterian Congregation $46; Moravian Church, $13 50; First Lutheran Congregation (Rev. Lochman), $41 85; Second Lutheran Congregation (Rev. Oswald), $52 00; Third Lutheran Congregation (Rev. Lilly), $35 46.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

From May, 1856, *to May*, 1857.

RECEIPTS.

Bibles and Testaments sold at Depository,		$8,889 28
Bibles and Testaments sold to Philadelphia Bible Society, and to Female Bible Society of Philadelphia,		3,729 29
Auxiliaries and Agents, on Bible account,		7,795 91
Donations from Philadelphia Bible Society,		2,225 19
" " other Auxiliaries, individuals, and churches,		3,764 81
" " Female Bible Society of Philadelphia,		1,000 00
Subscriptions to the Bible House,		372 00
Real Estate, for Rents,		439 62
Interest on Loans,		517 50
" on investment of Bequest from Paul Beck, Jr., deceased,		5 70
Bills receivable,		235 54
Legacies—Margaret Pepper,	$1,141 30	
" John Millan,	50 00	
" Mary Magoffin,	100 00	
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		1,406 64
Balance from last year,		741 43
		$31,122 91

EXPENDITURES.

American Bible Society for books,	$20,212 37	
" " " donation,	5,000 00	
" " " special remittances, by request of donors,	149 90	
Merchandise Account—Books purchased and imported,	360 11	
Printing—Annual Reports, Tracts, &c.,	227 49	
Salaries, travelling expenses, anniversary expenses, freights, insurance, repairs, discounts, stationery, fuel, and incidental expenses,	5,133 73	
		31,083 60
Balance,		$39 31

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Warrior Run, Female,	20 00	30 00	Wm. Fulkerson,	John McCormick,	Mrs. M. Watson.
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M. C. Wallace, donation,	5 00
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